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## Who's Who and What's What

All friends, especially former pastors, are invited to Home Coming Day at Berwick Church, June 29. This is the church's fortieth anniversary. The church house has been repainted and repaired, and six Sunday School rooms have been added. The revival begins on this day, Rev. Virgil Ratcliff of Baker, La., preaching. The church is making good progress under the able leadership of Pastor W. C. Wood.

Brother D. A. Hogan of Purvis writes to say that the statement in a recent issue of The Record that Rev. C. S. Moulder has been pastor of Calvary Church since its organization is an error; that the church was organized in 1920, probably by Rev. A. L. O'Briant. It has been served by W. S. Allen and by Brother Hogan.

The major difference between the secular and the Christian college today is not primarily in terms of the sources of financial support; it is in terms of the basic philosophy on which the life of the college is built. And you will judge whether or not a college is secular or Christian by the character of the faculty, by the intentions of the administration, by those items of campus life which constantly remind a student of his better self, by those intangible but nevertheless potent forces on a campus which work for a consciousness of the presence of God.—K. I. Brown.

A two weeks' meeting has just been concluded in Kosciusko, led by Evangelist Gipsy Smith. Great crowds thronged the tent on the school grounds.

On July 16 the Relief and Annuity Board in Dallas will dedicate its commodious new building, which will be a financial asset. A great host of people is expected. The State Secretaries and the State Editors have been invited to attend. Great progress has been made in enlisting churches and pastors in the annuity plan. We believe that any church which understands the plan will be glad to provide an annuity for its pastor when he reaches the age of retirement. Our Baptist institutions and boards also may avail themselves of its benefits.

Did you stay away from prayer meeting last Wednesday night to hear the radio report of the prize fight? No? Well, what did you stay away for?

Chaplain A. L. O'Briant of the State Prison preaches 21 times a month, and has 2604 people under his ministerial care. In the past year he has made 682 visits, preached 353 times; made 383 hospital calls, conversed with 1,073 people and distributed 6,222 Bibles, Testaments and other pieces of religious literature. There are a dozen different camps where services are held.

The whole thing is almost inconceivable, but if what is implied in the President's proclamation is true we are in for the worst time in all American history and we are wholly unprepared for it and we do not have the mind to prepare. Selfishness and greed and laziness and love of ease must give way to sweat and blood and aching backs and hungry bellies.—Charity & Children.

From one issue of the Religious Herald we learn that there were 396 suicides in Virginia in 1940; that in Culpepper County less than half of the white people are members of the church and less than one-fourth attend church each Sunday; and that committals to jail have been doubled every 20 years. This does not mean that Virginians are sinners above all others. Self-examination is needed all down the line.

The sympathy of his many friends goes to Dr. J. W. Black, Mission Secretary in Kentucky, on account of the death of his wife.

The ecumenically-minded brethren held a unity conference recently in Toronto, which proved to be quite divisive. There were "pacifists" and "isolationists" and "interventionists." And their principal topic of discussion very naturally was war. They were far from agreement of course, and the more they talked the further apart they got. Well, a good scrap is one way to get together, but getting together does not mean unity, and still less union. We have seen no report of how many people were present and nothing of the personnel, but with the vagueness characteristic of these people, they said they were there from Canada, the U. S. A., from Mexico and the West Indies. But we are told that ecumenicity is not geographical, but a state of mind.

You may have heard about the little boy whose father was a surgeon and his mother a Christian science healer. And true to their principles when they heard the boy use slang, the father said, "Cut it out," and the mother said, "Forget about it." It seems that we have this conflict of ideas in the world today with reference to war. There are people who would give war the Christian Science treatment. Shut your eyes and just say you don't believe in war. Just say to the aggressor nations, "Tut tut." Just put your hands over the cannon's mouth and pronounce the benediction, "Pax vobiscum." Just let Uncle Sam wave the olive branch to all the world and wait to hear a hush fall on all the battlefields, and watch the sparrows build their nests out of discarded bayonets. There are others who believe in the efficacy of surgery; who believe that the Island of St. Helena is a good place to cure hydrophobia, and that a transfer from Potsdam to Doorn may have a quieting effect on the world's nerves.

Before the civil war in Spain Protestant services were held in from 250 to 300 places. These have now been reduced to 10. Protestant churches have been converted into jails or taken over by Catholics. And yet these enemies of religious freedom continue in this country to talk about "tolerance."

Pastor W. C. Wood says the Crosby Church will easily reach its quota for the Now Club. June 8 marked the third anniversary of the present pastorate. There were eight additions to the church, seven of them adults; one of whom the Pastor had been angling for for three years.

The past week the Davis Memorial Church in Jackson had the best attended Vacation Bible school in its history. This week Pastor A. S. Johnston is in the midst of the revival meeting, being assisted by Rev. W. A. Bell of Parkway Church, who began Sunday night and will preach twice a day through Sunday.

There are certain ideas that persist among people in spite of denial by the scientists and specialists. And we are among those in whom these notions stay in spite of it all. For example, the sophisticated meteorologists tell us there is no such thing as an equinoctial storm, that the equinox has nothing to do with the weather. And yet equinoctial storms have a way of coming with fair regularity, or seem to. And they tell us there are no such things as growing pains. But some sort of pains seem to come to growing youth. When the church at Jerusalem was growing rapidly, there was a murmuring of the Grecian Jews against the Hebrews. It seems to have been a case of growing pains. And when the Lord got a new idea into Peter's head and sent him down to Caesarea to help the Centurion into the Kingdom, it created quite a commotion among the brethren in Jerusalem. They called Peter on the carpet and tried to get them straight. Growing pains do seem to persist.

The pastors of Riverside Association enjoyed a two-day retreat June 20 and 21 at the clubhouse of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Simmons on Moon Lake.

Dr. Clyde L. Breland of Louisville, Ky., helped Pastor B. F. Waite in a meeting in Owensboro. There were 20 additions. The music was led by Rev. James Lippincott.

Pastor B. Frank Smith of Lyon and Jonestown preaches each Friday evening at residences in a community five miles east of Lyon, with from twenty-five to forty present each week. Some are members of the Lyon Church, some of other churches elsewhere, but many are not Christian, and most of them have no means of getting to church. With new roads being opened up and new families moving in, there is need for a chapel in the community, where Sunday School could be held.

The revival meeting at Lambert, in which Bro. W. A. Green of Waynesboro preached, and Bro. Joe Allman of Newton led the singing, proved to be a real revival. We were glad to have Joe Allman with us for the second time to lead in personal work and singing. The Holy Spirit used the messages of Bro. Green to stir the hearts of all who heard him and the entire community has been blessed. There were fifteen additions to the church.—Robert Wesley Porter.

Pastor B. S. Hilbun resigns the care of Juniper Grove Church, Pearl River County, to do the work of an evangelist. A member of the church writes that in a little over a year he has accomplished great good, and the church gives him and his family up with sincere regret, and will pray for rich blessings on his labors.

Pastor C. L. McKay of Van Winkle Church is in a meeting in Hardee Town, Florida. The new brick church house at Van Winkle will be ready for use in two or three weeks. The first service in the new church will be broadcast over WSLI by courtesy of Standard Life Insurance Co.

Rev. B. A. McCullough of Braxton has given up his work as pastor, effective July 1. He is in good health and is ready for service as supply wherever the Lord and the brethren call.

Pastor Wilson W. Boggan says the Sunday School of Topisaw Church has the best attendance since his pastorate began. The church assumes its share of our Mississippi Baptist indebtedness. The paint has been bought and the roof will be repainted. The building will all be repainted by the fourth Sunday in July. Lights will also be installed. Their first Vacation Bible School will begin the second Sunday in July. The annual revival begins the fourth Sunday in July with Rev. Montie Davis of East Moss Point preaching.

Mr. John C. Magee, one of the oldest members of the Clinton Church, passed away June 23. The people said of him like Barnabas, "He was a good man." He leaves one son and four daughters. His wife preceded him to the Father's House by a few years.

Dear Editor: Mrs. P'Pool and I join in our most hearty "Amen" to your words in the Record June 12 about speakers being trained to speak distinctly, and your remarks about the "melting pot" needing more of the fire of true patriotism to melt all the dissimilar elements in our national life.—Elbert S. P'Pool.

Miss Robbie Trent, Elementary Editor of the Sunday School Board in Nashville, has a new book just published by Willett, Clarke and Co., of Chicago, with the title "Your Child and God." Certainly serious parents will welcome this fine series of suggestions on one of the most vital subjects in the world. Whatever provokes us to serious thought here is bound to do good. Miss Trent is well known throughout the South and in other parts of the country. She was with the Western Recorder for a while and has been for several years one of the writers for the Sunday School Board. Her work is highly prized. The book may be had of the Baptist Book Store for \$1.50.



## Sparks and Splinters

The fight is on, and has been since the foundation of this government, between the makers and sellers of liquor and the government itself. In many cases the liquor business has a strangle hold on the officers themselves. Jurors perjure themselves in refusing to convict criminals against whom the evidence is overwhelming. George Washington had a fight on his hands in the "Liquor Rebellion," and the officers in Mississippi have now to demonstrate whether they will enforce the law or join the liquor forces as their hirelings.

**Morton: The Vacation Bible School of the Morton Baptist Church** held its commencement service Sunday, June 8. The school was a class B B school with sixteen faculty members and eighty children.—H. D. Jordan, Pastor.

**Morton: Dr. Slater A. Murphy, pastor of Valence Street Baptist Church of New Orleans,** was with us in our recent evangelistic campaign. Dr. Murphy is a graduate of Mississippi College and of the Baptist Bible Institute. His messages were Biblical and uplifting. He is an evangelist of exceptional ability with a burning zeal for lost souls, a love for the church and makes the Cross central in all his preaching. The church was greatly revived and is more concerned about lost souls. There were 16 additions. Ross A. Marshall, Dean of Poplarville Junior College, had charge of the music. This fine consecrated deacon did a splendid service.—H. D. Jordan, Pastor.

**Crosby Church** marked the third anniversary of its pastor, W. C. Wood, on the second Sunday in June. There were eight additions that day. Crosby is an EF church (100 names). Though a half-time church, Crosby sent the pastor to the State Convention, to State Evangelistic Conference, and to the Southern Baptist Convention, paying all expenses. One month ago the church raised the pastor's salary \$300.00 per year. Growing Sunday School and its space demands led to downtown men's Bible class organization. Prof. Carl Wilson, superintendent of the Crosby School System, is the class' teacher. The pastor recently taught class of twenty, "Building a Standard Sunday School." B. T. U. and W. M. U. are alive and aggressive, even during summer months. New deacons-elect to be ordained next week, Johnny Hartfield, church clerk, and E. E. McCarty, Sunday School superintendent.—W. C. Wood, Pastor.

A radio announcer from Berlin tells us that when a great military adventure is just ahead, dancing is forbidden in the German capital, and perhaps throughout Germany. It must be almost as good as a protracted meeting if it stops this sensual indulgence even for a period. If it is good for the morals of a community or for the morale of a body to forbid dancing at certain times, why is it not good to forbid it all the time? Righteousness is not a thing which varies with the seasons.

**Van Winkle Church:** Edward Coleman, Tommie Mikell and Pat Tatum have returned from the R. A. Camp at Castalian Springs. They report a fine time.

The Home Mission Board recently decided to discontinue the school for Mexicans at Bastrop, Texas. Other arrangements will be made to help the young men and young women who would have attended school here to get their training elsewhere, particularly in schools in Texas. The Board thought it would be more economical to assist them in this way than to maintain a separate school for them. This is the school, if we remember correctly, which Mrs. J. B. Gambrell was instrumental in establishing for the training of Mexican Baptist workers, for those in Texas and those who chose to come across the line from Mexico. Brother Bell, who has had charge of the school, will probably remain with the Home Board and do evangelistic work among the Mexicans in the United States.

**Dr. Finley F. Gibson** has offered his resignation as pastor of Walnut Street Church, Louisville, Ky., to take effect Oct. 1, at which time he will have served 20 years. The church has asked him to consider taking a year's vacation, withholding meanwhile his resignation.

"Faithful are the wounds of a friend." We know of no more needed service among Christians today than that one brother should tell another when he goes wrong. But we know of nothing that is harder to do. There are so few who will take it kindly. What can we do? "Rebuke, admonish"—these are Christian obligations and rare virtues.

The Florida Baptist Witness has several pages of its June 5 issue devoted to tributes to Secretary Emeritus C. M. Brittain by about 20 different brethren. He has certainly done great service.

One thing should not escape us when we study in the Acts of the Apostles the beginnings of Christian activity for the furtherance of the gospel. This is the combination of individual and corporate effort on the part of the early Christians. The missionary impulse seems to have gotten hold of individuals first and then of the churches themselves. In the case of the work begun and carried on in Antioch in Syria, it seemed a spontaneous effort on the part of certain men who had been moved by the Spirit of God. They pushed out from Jerusalem of their own accord, and the Lord blessed them mightily when they got to Antioch and preached to everybody regardless of race. But when the work grew, they sent down to Jerusalem for help. And the church at Jerusalem responded by sending Barnabas and others. And when from Antioch the mission enterprise was launched the Lord told the church to set aside Barnabas and Saul whom He had already impressed with this missionary obligation. That's about the way it has happened in every case we have known about, whether in missions or education. The individual initiative is always present, but the corporate responsibility follows forthwith.

It is well if you get the translation of Revelation 11:15 given us in the American Revised Version: "The Kingdom of the world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ." The angel does not say, the kingdoms of the world. It is not the plural number. The kingdoms of this world will never become the kingdom of Christ. His work is not along national lines. It does not follow political geography. The nations will never become Christian in any real sense, not as such. But the kingdom of the world will be His. He will establish His kingdom over the world and rule over it. It will be a universal kingdom.

**Rev. W. H. Wood, pastor, assisted by Rev. E. G. Hightower of Hattiesburg, Miss.,** ordained two new deacons into the Oak Grove Baptist Church, Scott County, Sunday morning, June 8. Rev. Hightower delivered the ordination sermon in a forceful manner, after which Revs. Wood and Hightower and the older deacons laid on hands. The deacons ordained were: Mr. George Gould and Mr. George Gatewood.

**Evangelist E. D. Estes** has been with Pastor J. H. Sherman in meetings in April and May. Last week he was with him at New Hope church, ten miles east of Coffeeville. Up to Friday ten had come for baptism. People are saved every week in the year. The farmers seem happy to work by day and go to meeting at night. Brother Estes is ready to make engagements for meetings in December, January and February. He says every church should have two revivals a year and four training classes. If taught and trained they will support the Cooperative Program. He highly commends the work of Pastor Sherman.

The editor had the privilege of preaching morning and evening to the people of Fellowship Church, Pike County, at the invitation of the pastor and church. It was Father's Day and he tried to bring a message appropriate to the occasion. There was a good congregation. The fathers were given the place of honor in the middle tier at the front. Pastor Bishop preaches every Sunday and is leading the church into channels of service. This church was organized in 1817, the year Mississippi became a state. They have a handsome brick building on a spacious and beautiful lawn. It is an aggressive community which takes a proper pride in the church, and school and in its past record. Our pleasure was enhanced by the fact that our son and namesake and his family belong here.

**Benton County Association** meets Tuesday, September 9 with New Central Church five miles northwest of Blue Mountain.

## Pastoral Problems

By Norman W. Cox

### "HERESIES OF THE HEART"

Southern Baptists have been singularly fortunate and blessed with a wonderful degree of doctrinal unity. We have been little disturbed by what might be thought of as heresies of the mind. On the other hand our life has been seriously impoverished by heresies of the heart. We have not been nearly as diligent as we ought in developing the standards of Christian living that we should have.

Many of the problems that hinder the work of a pastor and set the brakes on the wheels of Zion's progress would be solved if we could cure three bad heresies of the heart of which too many of our people are guilty.

First, we have neglected the warning of Jesus when He said: "Why call ye me Lord, Lord and do not the things which I say?" Many of our people would not for anything think of not being professed Christians, at the same time, they are entirely too indifferent, when they are not positively rebellious, in the matter of seeking in their personal lives faithful loyalty to the spirit of the teaching of Jesus.

Second, there is the damaging heresy of professing that God is the source of all blessings and we are the stewards of our talents and material treasures and yet we withhold what should be given to the service of His cause.

Third, we are afflicted with the heresy of indifference to the reading of the word of God, prayer and attendance upon the work and worship of our churches.

By all means we should keep our doctrines, our professions of faith, true to the teachings of the Scriptures, these ought also to be sustained in living consistent in practice with the faith we have declared to be in us.

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About the silliest and meanest thing we have seen in any criticism of the administration in Washington is the intimation, or rather clear suggestion, that President Roosevelt does not want peace now for fear that a financial depression will follow and discredit his administration. That is to charge the President with selling out the lives of men, willing to see them slaughtered that he may escape criticism. This is unworthy of anybody or any periodical that calls itself "Christian." It is about as near to being a traitor as one can be without being shot.

**Rev. A. B. Pierce of Crystal Springs** is helping Pastor Cook in a meeting at Maben; in his absence Rev. Carol Izard supplied the Crystal Springs pulpit.

**Sunday, June 29, is Home Coming Day** at Corinth Church, Jasper County. Lunch served at the church. Pastor L. R. Massey urges all members to come as important business is on hand. Brother Hardee Kennedy of the Baptist Bible Institute will preach. Brother Robinson of West Enterprise leads the singing. Other singers expected and the public invited.

**Pastor J. R. Eubanks** began a meeting in Tabernacle Church, Greenville, Sunday with Dr. R. B. Gunter assisting. There were 20 awaiting baptism when the meeting began. Last week the Vacation Bible School had over 100 enrolled.

**Prentiss:** We closed our revival June 4. It was a good meeting. Rev. L. W. Ferrell preached for us. Our work continues to prosper.—W. L. Holcomb, Pastor.

**Pastor T. W. Young of First Church, Corinth,** reports a great season of grace in the revival conducted by Dr. Norman W. Cox and Mr. Stanley Armstrong. Twice a day for eleven days great congregations heard great messages that could not be excelled. Dr. Cox is a great preacher, theologian and Christian gentleman. The people were greatly strengthened and blessed. Mr. Armstrong delighted everybody with his leadership of the music.

**Dr. G. H. Crutcher** is supplying for an indefinite period the First Church, Ocala, Florida.



## HUNGARY IN WAR TIME: V

By Plautus I. Lipsey, Jr.

In Budapest, after six weeks of laborious and nerve-straining effort, I had managed to build a chain which would enable me to get back to America after a period of news reporting in Southeast Europe—almost but not quite!

I had visas, official permissions to enter, from the Swiss, the French, the Spanish and the Portuguese. The missing link was the German, and I had been expecting that for two or more weeks. But it still failed to come, despite the presumed efforts of my friends and American diplomats in Berlin.

I had procured also a steamship reservation, sailing from Lisbon for New York September 18. But it was now September 7, and I was fast losing hope that I would be able to catch my boat. It was not possible to know when I could get another boat reservation, for thousands of refugees were waiting for such an opportunity.

When the German visa still did not arrive, I bethought myself of something put out of mind for nearly a month. Early in August I had gone to the Italian legation and made application for an Italian visa. I did not really want to go to Rome, for it was said to be very difficult to get passage from there to Lisbon. The Rome-Lisbon plane was booked up far in advance, and government officials were always given preference. There was no other route from the Italian capital to the Portuguese port 1100 miles away on the Atlantic coast.

But I had made my application, just as a second string to my fiddle.

So, early in September, I visited the Italian legation again. The visa had not arrived and I got the answer "non ancora" (not yet). Then I telegraphed the American consulate in Rome to make inquiries. The consulate replied that the visa had been granted August 29. I called again at the Roman office, but still "non ancora." What in the world had become of my visa from Rome?

On September 7, I went over to Buda to have lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Seagrue. He is correspondent for the London News-Chronicle (for which I had once done some work myself), and a very kind and friendly man. I was just about at the bottom, in spirits. Mysterious delays were holding up both Italian and German visas, and I felt that some hostile force was at work against me. One of the most terrifying possibilities was that Spain, teetering on the brink, might enter the war any day. That event, daily expected in some quarters, would have ruined all my home-going plans.

Mr. Seagrue was much concerned over my situation and did all possible to cheer me. As I left his place, he urged that I go at once and telegraph to Rome again, asking that my visa be sent to Budapest by telegraph. I was, as I have said, in deep despondency, but action on this advice opened the way for results beyond expectation.

I walked from the English correspondent's apartment, through the tunnel which pierces the Buda hill under the palace, and across the Danube bridge. If anybody had stopped me and told me that six days thence I should be walking the streets of Lisbon on the Atlantic, I would have thought him crazy. But such was the case.

It was Saturday afternoon, when diplomats are not in their offices. I waited until Sunday morning to telegraph to Rome, thus giving plenty of time for the message to be delivered Monday morning.

Monday night I received a telegraphic answer, saying the visa was being sent by wire to the Italian legation. Next morning, the hotel porter called me to the telephone, and I dashed down three flights of stairs scarcely touching them. It was the Italian legation, and my visa was there, "pronto!"

I got my visa and spent the rest of the day in a wild scramble to get ready to depart. There were a thousand things to do. The most difficult was to arrange my financial affairs to satisfy Hungarian regulations, but this was finally accomplished.

The Budapest-Rome express left about seven o'clock in the morning. After a night of sleeplessness because of excitement, I came early to the

station and was joined there by Mr. and Mrs. Bela Udvarnoki and Miss Ruby Daniel, the Baptist workers in Budapest, who came to wish me a happy journey and safe homecoming. We walked the station platform and talked of the events clearly on the way, which would bring sorrow to millions and especial pain to them in their peculiar situation. They knew that more troubled days were coming, but they were content to carry on the Lord's work there as long as this should be possible. They are still there, carrying on the work.

The train required several hours to reach the Yugoslav frontier. All the way I fingered a roll of Italian money in my pocket and carried on a furious debate with myself. I had brought these lire from Italy three months before, and they were so recorded officially when I entered Hungary the first time. But I had made two trips out of Hungary in the meantime, leaving most of my baggage and this Italian currency in Budapest. So the money was not recorded in my official financial certificate. It was my money, but technically I could not carry it out of the country.

I wracked my brains for some means of saving that money and, at the same time, avoiding trouble with the Hungarian authorities. I sought for places to hide it. I decided to throw it out the window. Eventually I rejected all schemes, and just let the roll of lire lie in my pocket.

When we reached the frontier, the Hungarian officials came through the train, courteously received by financial certificate and made no check on my currency at all!

The Yugoslav officials came aboard and made a record of my currency, including the Italian lire. When we passed out of Yugoslavia, after several hours ride, no check was made by officials of that country. There are so many regulations and restrictions these days that even the conscientious officials cannot observe them all.

We entered Italy in its northeast extremity at dusk. The officials took my passport and went into their station office. I learned later that they had advance information of my coming on that train, otherwise I could not have entered even with my visa. So close a control is kept on the entry of foreigners.

The Italians likewise made a record of the money I carried. They asked what I had, and put it down without counting it. They treated me with complete courtesy.

As the train rolled down from the frontier mountains to Trieste and the sea, I sat by the window and looked out in the moonlight at a landscape like fairyland. Here I was in a country at war. And with the moon shining brightly, it was an ideal night for air bombers. We were to pass through some of the most important railroad junctions in Italy during the night. Perhaps we should get some bombs.

The train compartments were dark, except for dim blue lights of the smallest size.

At Trieste, where we saw the masts and funnels of boats of all sizes in outline against the still, shining Adriatic waters, I got out and tried to procure a sleeping car place. But the sleeper was already crowded.

I sat up throughout the night, sleepless, pressed tightly in my compartment with Italian officers of various ranks. They all seemed weary and they were quiet, some of them sleeping in grotesque positions. We passed through Mestre, on the mainland opposite Venice, at midnight. Mestre is the most important railway junction in Italy, and I said to myself as we paused at the station: "Well, now is the chance for the English." But nothing happened to break the peace of the moonlight night.

We passed through Ferrara, Bologna and Florence. It was a long weary night. At sunrise we were approaching Rome, and at eight o'clock we came into the station yards, crowded with an infinite amount of inferior railroad equipment with here and there some rolling stock of the most modern and efficient.

I arrived in Rome from Budapest after a 24-hour ride early in the morning of September 12. So much had I accomplished in the effort to get home—but how should I get to Lisbon? The answer came during the hours of this day.

The next day was Friday the thirteenth. It (Continued on Page Four)

## A CALUMNIOUS CARTOON

By Gordon Hurlbatt, Th.D.

Recently in a newspaper of large circulation, probably in a number of other "wet" papers also, appeared a cartoon headed, "Look Who Wants to Hitch on Again!" It presents that hackneyed caricature, a clerical freak in Puritan garb, with stovepipe hat and ragged coat and trousers; racing to hitch a water-wagon to a speeding army tank. No doubt this creation of the "smart" cartoonist evoked a cynical smile from those human parasites whose chief commercial capital consists of the weaknesses and vices of their fellow men, and a like smirk from their senseless dupes; but it can make the judicious only grieve.

I hold no brief for clericalism, especially when it means bigotry and egotistic intolerance; but I must resent and condemn the lying spirit that pictures opposition to the liquor traffic as exclusively or typically confined to such ludicrous figures as the one in the aforesaid cartoon. To the editor of the paper in which I saw the ignorant libel on the gospel ministry, I have written in protest an open letter; and I hope that every appearance of such matter in the newspapers, which largely are supported by Christian subscribers, will evoke plain protests from ministers and laymen alike. Such cartoons are cowardly slurs on preachers of so-called Protestant faith. Show me the newspaper that would dare to caricature a Roman Catholic priest!

Every well-informed person knows that millions of normal-minded men and women in this country are wholly and unalterably against the booze business, especially the rampage of rum around the camps where our youth are being trained for the sternly exacting ordeal of war. And every man or woman who has acquired even the ABC's of human history knows that the trail of liquor is black with debauchery, red with crime-shed blood, and flanked by countless untimely graves. Yet, certain "smart" little cartoonists and their wet-paper patrons would make the public believe that prohibition is foster-fathered only by clerical screwballs.

Instead of the aforesaid cartoon, there should have been one showing a balloon-bellied brewer in costly clothes, chuckling in Satanic glee because his booze-wagon is already hitched to the tank; and the rags should be shown on whisky-widowed mothers and helpless boys and girls. Also, that tank, as a symbol of effective defense in all its forms, should be shown slowed down by the inevitable effects of alcohol in impaired muscular co-ordination and stamina. Because this latter picture is the true one, great military leaders such as Stonewall Jackson, Robert E. Lee, and our present chief of staff, General George C. Marshall, stand as symbols of sobriety, preachers of abstinence and purity in army life.

Traveling recently by train from Atlanta to Mobile, I had as a chance companion a navy lad of only twenty years. Proudly he produced a snapshot of his pretty young bride. Then he produced a whisky flask and began to drink. He was dreaming of a future all roseate; but I had a vision of the wreckage of a home, the blighting of at least two lives. And that sailor boy's case is matched by a multitude like it. If what I am saying seems to some to be merely a preacher's squeamishness, its saneness is attested by the moans along the Via Dolorosa of fallen empires, shattered homes, and human tragedy without end.

One of the great problems of our defense is how to hedge against the moral and physical ravages of that army of harpies, scarlet women, now notoriously infesting our military camps, especially some. Every man knows that whisky and bad women are natural allies. Shall we allow, without resistance, such unscrupulous enemies of American manhood to join forces with our military foes, now innumerable and in battle array against us round the globe?

If democracy be defeated and destroyed, it will not be by the water-wagon, but by personal weakness and self-indulgence. Not a sensual soldiery, but spirituality, such as makes intelligent sacrifices for supreme ideals, this alone can save this nation from ultimate defeat and ruin—if it is God's will that it be saved, instead of furnishing for future ages the final lesson in the stupidity again which, as Goethe declared, the gods themselves strive in vain.—Point Clear, Alabama.



# EDITORIALS

## PICTURES OF JESUS With Nicodemus

John is the only writer in the New Testament who mentions Nicodemus. He seems to have known some incidents in the life of Jesus that others did not know. However, it is Jesus and not Nicodemus that is the center of the picture. And Jesus is revealed to us in His contact with others.

This picture is in contrast with those of Jesus in the Temple. This is in some quiet spot where it was possible for persons to be at ease, to be themselves, and for their real natures to be revealed. The day's work was done; night and quiet had settled on the city of Jerusalem and Nicodemus seeks out the young rabbi that he may for himself know more about him and learn the nature of his mission.

Two men sit opposite each other in the dim light, or possibly only such light as the full moon affords. Both are deeply serious. Nicodemus is probably the older of the two, but that does not prevent his accepting the place of pupil and looking to Jesus as the teacher. He chose the night time in all probability because he was unwilling to be known publicly as an inquirer. He knew the hostility to Jesus of the rulers, the group to which he belonged. And he did not wish to brook their criticism.

But he was honest and he sincerely wished to know the truth. He believed that Jesus was able to give it to him, and what risk there was in coming by night, he dared to take. They look into each other's faces and Nicodemus begins the conversation: "Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that thou doest except God be with him."

There was something in Jesus which invited confidence and frankness. You either responded to His transparent sincerity or you were driven to opposition by it. Pure goodness makes friends or it awakens the devil in you. Jesus was the revealer of what was in men's hearts. If they desired to do the will of God they had no difficulty in discovering that what He said was from God. There were others to whom the light came, and they hated the light because their deeds were evil. Goodness and truth attract those of like mind. "Every one that is of the truth hearth my voice."

Nicodemus responded up to the measure of his knowledge. He was sincere but his knowledge was limited, shallow; both his knowledge of Jesus and his knowledge of the Scriptures. The first might be excusable; the second was not, for he himself was a teacher and the Old Testament was his text book. His first word betrayed the shallowness of his concept of Jesus: "Rabbi," which means teacher. Yes, Jesus was a rabbi, but he was a great deal more than that, and he will let Nicodemus know it before he is through. Nicodemus too was a rabbi, but these two were not on the same plane. They did not arrive at their knowledge and office in the same way. Nicodemus' knowledge was shallow and utterly inadequate: "Thou the teacher of Israel and knowest not these things." Some things in religion are not learned from men or by mere study of books.

It did not matter that Nicodemus was honest, that he was respectful toward Jesus; that he said outright what his associates in Jerusalem knew, but were unwilling to say: "We know that thou art a teacher come from God." That was quite a courteous way of beginning conversation; but it was far from an adequate expression of truth. True it was, but not enough. This Jesus shows him bluntly: "Verily, verily I say unto you, except one be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Jesus passes over the courteous phrases. He gets at what Nicodemus had on his mind, "The kingdom of God." Jesus had a way of showing people that He knew what was in their minds. He gets at the matter without waste of words. There was no time to lose. And in doing so he is shown to be more than "rabbi."

We all need a teacher, but alas we need more than a teacher. We need something, somebody who can change all that is on the inside of us. Teaching is inadequate; it is not enough. Nicodemus never seemed to question this. He did not

deny or resent Jesus' statement as to the necessity of the new birth. The thing that puzzled him was, "HOW can a man be born, when he is old?"

He must learn that it is different, that it is not another birth of the flesh, but of the Spirit. He might have gotten this from the Old Testament Scriptures, for God speaks of the necessity of the circumcision of the heart as distinguished from circumcision of the flesh. Also he had told Israel through Jeremiah and through Ezekiel about another covenant. He had said, "I will write my law upon your heart." But Nicodemus, though the "teacher of Israel" had never learned this.

Jesus' face must have lighted up as Nicodemus listened and He told him of the mysterious, independent work of the Spirit of God in men that changed everything. How Nicodemus' heart must have warmed, thawed, melted as the gracious words of Jesus fell on his ears and his soul. How helpless he must have felt as he put himself completely into the hands of Jesus for guidance. How like the gentle rain on the mown grass fall the words of Jesus about the Son of man being lifted up that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life. How like heavenly music these words have fallen on the ears of sinful men all around the world and all down the centuries.

How assuring the words that follow and explain it all: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life" Lord Jesus, our teacher, our Lord, our Saviour, our hope, we see not thy face today as did Nicodemus in the evening glow; but we hear thy voice in comfort and assurance, in faith that grasps the promise; in hope of seeing Thy face in the Father's house.

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### O JERUSALEM! IF THOU HADST KNOWN

Religion and patriotism in the Old Testament are so closely related as to be almost inseparable. Civil government was to be administered under the law which God gave to His people. They were God's people, "a people for His own possession." Righteousness was as necessary in the nation as it was in the individual.

The New Testament does not diminish our love of the nation and the country. "The powers that be are ordained of God," and demand our allegiance and our support. Obedience to rulers and support of civil authority is everywhere enjoined in the New Testament.

Jesus was a genuine patriot. Nowhere did He fail in His devotion to His people and His land and its rulers. His intense and passionate love for the people and for its seat of government at Jerusalem comes into pathetic exhibition as He came to Jerusalem the last time. It was the object of His love and pride. He foresaw its early destruction by the hands of the enemy, the Romans. His soul was filled with sad foreboding as He approaches it, even in the midst of the throng who shouted His praises. The city was doomed and its destruction was imminent.

As He turns the corner on the mountain road leading to the city it comes suddenly into view, and lies out in the morning sun before Him. His heart is broken and He is for the moment overcome and breaks out into loud crying: "If thou hadst known in this day, even thou the things that belong unto peace! But now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee when thine enemies shall cast up a bank about thee, and compass thee round and keep thee in on every side, and shall dash thee to the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation." What a horrible picture of war.

The cause of all this was sin; the people had turned away from God and rejected Christ. The best patriot today as always is the man who tells people about their sins, who pleads with them to forsake sin. There was never a time when we had more need of calling "all men everywhere to repent."

The best of our courts are having a hard time enforcing the law. The lawmakers are having a hard time putting the proper laws on the statute books. And weak and wicked men are set to enforce the laws. It has come to our knowledge that

a former sheriff of this country who had made a spectacle of breaking whiskey bottles, carefully saved what he thought was the best of the confiscated goods to give to select friends and pass the confiscated goods around for Christmas gifts. And do you think that God does not see and that He will not visit wrath upon our generation?

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### IT'S WORKING NOW

Secretary T. J. Watts reports that the Relief and Annuity Board, through the Convention Ministers Retirement Plan, as operated for the several states, is now paying total benefits of approximately \$100,000 per year to more than 260 retired ministers. This amount, we must remember, is being paid on this one plan alone and the plan has not been in operation long. The number of preachers and other denominational workers, including widows of ministers, who are being aided by the various plans of the Relief and Annuity Board totals more than 2,300. During the year 1941 they will receive more than \$500,000 in benefits and the total may reach \$600,000.

Wisdom dictates the early adoption, by every church in the state which has not done so, of the Ministers Retirement Plan. The state office will be happy to answer any questions you may have, and will provide application blanks and other necessary materials to enable you to put the plan into immediate effect.

D. A. McCall,  
Baptist Building,  
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### RESULTS ARE EVIDENT

June 30, 1942—just a year from now—is an important date to many of our pastors. Your State Secretary, with approval of the State Board, has made an agreement with the Relief and Annuity Board whereby the above date has been fixed as the dead-line for "prior service credits" under the Ministers Retirement Plan. Just what does this mean for our pastors? Here is an example:

Pastor A was 50 years old when the Plan was inaugurated in our state. The Plan provides that he shall receive, when he retires, 50% of his average salary over a 25-year period. He plans to retire at 65, the earliest age possible under the Plan. But in order to do so, he needs ten years of "prior service credits." Since he has been a pastor 20 years, there is no difficulty in getting credit for the ten needed additional years, NOW. One joining after June 30, 1942, however, will not be able to get these "prior service credits," and if his case were the same as Pastor A's, he would lose 20% (2% per year) from the 50% salary he would otherwise have received; that is, if the amount which would normally have come to him each year is \$1,000, it would be \$800 instead.

It is to your benefit to enter the Plan now. Send your applications to me that I may certify as to your eligibility and forward them to Dallas.

D. A. McCall,  
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### HUNGARY IN WAR TIME

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proved to be one of the most remarkable days, and altogether the craziest day, of my life.

(This narrative will be continued under another title.)

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# NEWS AND TRUTHS ABOUT OUR HOME MISSION WORK

J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary-Treasurer  
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HOME MISSION BOARD  
Present Responsibility In Homeland Emphasis  
For Home Missions Conference

The urgency of winning our homeland to Christ in this day of world crisis will be the theme of the Home Missions Conference at Ridgcrest August 3-8.

At the assembly will be missionaries direct from the fields, who, under the supervision of the Home Mission Board, are giving their lives toward the accomplishment of this task. A feature of every session will be some of their testimonies and experiences.

Each evening's program will also include an address by a missionary together with an address by an outstanding leader out of the Home Board organization.

A regular morning feature will be the Bible hour led by Dr. W. T. Conner of Southwestern Seminary, lecturing on 1 John. Each evening vesper services will be conducted by Dr. John L. Slaughter, pastor of First Baptist Church, Birmingham.

Other denominational leaders in addition to the Board's missionaries and general workers to be on the program include Dr. T. L. Holcomb and Dr. E. P. Alldredge of the Sunday School Board, Prof. I. E. Reynolds, Southwestern Seminary, and Dr. J. D. Grey, First Baptist Church of New Orleans.

## Six New Missionaries Named By Board

Marking the second significant step in its new city mission program, the Home Mission Board appointed Rev. S. F. Dowis as city missionary in Atlanta, Ga.

Brother Dowis, formerly pastor of Virginia Avenue Baptist Church in Atlanta, has already mapped out his immediate program, which will be principally the establishment, through the churches, of mission stations and Bible classes in needy places throughout the city.

In this work the Board is cooperating with the Atlanta Association, the association purchasing or renting property and furnishing all equipment, while the Board employs the missionary.

The Board's city mission program was begun in Houston, Texas, several weeks ago, at which time Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary, stated that it would be extended to other cities as rapidly as funds were available.

Five other appointments were made recently. Miss Mary Etheridge of Atlanta, graduate of the University of Georgia and of the W. M. U. Training School, was named to the Chinese field in El Paso, Texas. She is the daughter of Judge Paul S. Etheridge, a former member of the Home Board. Her mother is vice president of the Georgia W. M. U.

Other new missionaries are Rev. and Mrs. G. K. Cobb, graduates this spring of the University of Oklahoma, Indian field in Oklahoma, and Rev. and Mrs. Geo. T. Lewis, May graduates of Southwestern Seminary, Mexican field in Uvalde, Texas.

## May Receipts—Home Mission Board

Cooperative Program	\$ 41,616.11
Hundred Thousand Club	7,987.45
Annie Armstrong Offering	85,983.97
Special Designations	1,113.18
Trust Fund	2,416.94
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$139,117.65</b>
<b>Total May, 1940</b>	<b>\$105,990.14</b>
<b>Increase (31%)</b>	<b>\$ 33,127.51</b>

## French Missionary Rejoices In Progress of Work

More people on his field are attending church services, writes Rev. Maurice Aguiard, Home Board missionary to the French in southern Louisiana.

Brother Aguiard is happy over the fact that he has been able to make friends with one family that has always criticized him and the work very much. He had an opportunity to talk and pray with them and they were pleased. Another family has asked for a Bible.

"The priest and two nuns were always visiting

and opposing," writes Brother Aguiard. "It is hard to do any work with anyone before they come and stop it. But we look to the Lord for the results."

## A Prodigal Son Returns

A prodigal son returned to his parents recently, a new creature in Christ Jesus through the influence of the Home Mission Board's Rescue Mission in New Orleans.

Formerly a star athlete in high school and college, the young man had turned to drink and the coaching position which he held was taken away from him. He had secured temporary work in several places and finally drifted south to New Orleans. For a short while he had work there but soon lost that.

Discouraged, broke, and without a place to lie down, he went to the Mission. During services that night he walked in he was attracted by the call of Christ and quietly surrendered himself to the Lord.

"Thank God for you, the Mission and the salvation I found here," the young man said to Rev. Clovis A. Brantley, superintendent, as he left for his return to his home and loved ones. "I may never see you again on earth, but I shall see you in heaven."

## Navajo Student Becomes a Soul-Winner

When Miss Pauline Cammack, missionary of the Home Mission Board in the Indian government school at Santa Fe, asked a Navajo student who is a Christian to interpret for her while she talked to another Navajo student about Christ, he hesitated and then said it was hard to interpret the Bible.

Miss Cammack talked to him about being a witness for Christ and not keeping to himself the joys of the Christian life.

After thinking a few moments, the student asked the missionary to let him speak to the other boy alone. The missionary promised to pray for him.

When a special program was held for the students the following week, the student, who had been led to Christ by his friend, publicly professed his faith in his Saviour.

## Kindergarten Pupil Learns Honesty

After Mrs. Aurora R. de Morales, teacher of the Home Mission kindergarten at San Benito, Texas, had told a Bible study to her pupils, one little boy got up and handed her a nickel.

The little fellow confessed that he had taken a tablet from another boy's desk and he wanted the teacher to take the money to buy another one for him.

"I don't want to do this any more from now on," he said.

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## THE PREACHER'S VOICE

By Professor Augustus Beddie

Professor of Elocution, Baptist Theological College of Scotland

When a young man decides to become a minister of the Gospel, he should ask himself, or rather ask a friend who would tell him the plain unvarnished truth about his delivery, whether or not he is able to get his message across, and so hold an audience. There are young men in all denominations who believe they have a call to preach the Gospel, and yet the last thing they think of is their speaking voice.

I have sometimes found it difficult to convince men that their voices are not all that could be desired, and to make them believe that much can be done to improve a voice that lacks fullness of resonance which makes it a pleasure to listen to; but the student must do this for himself, a teacher can only point the way.

As I listen to a preacher who is listless and lacks that living force that commands attention, I feel that it would be much better to have his sermon printed and handed out to his congregation to be read in the quiet of their own homes, where his words might be digested, and probably have more effect than when they fell dead from his lips. If our churches are to be all they be, there must be that within them that will stir dead bones into action. Elocution must be looked upon as a means to an end and not the end-all of preaching. There are some men who are constantly striving after effect, who are more taken up with their manner of speaking than with their

matter. This is the abuse and not the use of a good thing.

Having said this much on the poor delivery we are sometimes called upon to listen to, let me pay tribute to some of the splendid preachers we have in our midst. I am glad to say their number is steadily growing. The ministry is uphill work for the man who does not give his speaking voice attention. There are many who are naturally endowed with a rich, musical voice, yet those who are not so endowed may do much to improve a voice that is not all that could be desired. They need not be discouraged when Demosthenes, the greatest orator of all time, had to overcome a stammer in speech before he was able to sway the multitude with his eloquence.

The man who would cultivate mind, voice and body must be prepared to burn the midnight oil. Everyone realizes that a minister's work is no sinecure if it is faithfully carried out. If he has to prepare two sermons, attend his week-night meetings and perform the many duties that fall to his lot, his mind and body must be constantly on the alert. It is a thousand pities if he is unable to crown it all with a delivery that will arouse the enthusiasm of his congregation to that which he himself must inevitably possess in ministering to the spiritual disease of others.

The speaker must be no copyist, but must learn to speak so that the very sound of his voice carries conviction with it. The purpose of all preaching is to convince. If a man fails in this, then it is time he is inquiring into the reason. Let him examine himself, let him get some capable member of his congregation to tell him the real truth about his quality of tone, whether or not it is jarring upon the nerves of his people, and if so, set himself to cure it. Learn to speak with a pure quality of tone and not in careless rasping way from the back of the throat, which is responsible for so much of what is called clergyman's sore throat.

Occasionally, very occasionally, we find a man with a poor voice, who, because of a strong personality, is able to speak with some power, but we ask ourselves what could this man not have done, what heights could he not have attained with a well-trained voice? How often we hear people say, "That would have been a good sermon if only he could have delivered it," and we feel that a noble opportunity has been lost.

I would warn preachers to avoid the adoption of a meaningless monotone which would give the same unvaried reading to the sublime prophecies of the Old Testament and the simple unadorned narratives of the New. In Nehemiah viii, 8, are these words, "So they read in the book of the Law of God distinctly; and gave the same sense, and caused them to understand the reading."

I have often asked my students if they ever think of reading their Scripture lessons aloud in the privacy of their own room and have found that to many of them the idea had never occurred. Perhaps they may think such a practise savors of irreverence, but surely nothing that would aid their pulpit work should be overlooked. I would strongly recommend this practise if for no other purpose than to discover how words and sentences fit the mouth.—The Scottish Baptist.

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First Church, Corinth, on June 9 ordained Carman Sharp to the gospel ministry. In the council were Pastor T. W. Young, Dr. Norman Cox, Rev. Stanley Armstrong, Rev. C. C. Perry of Glens, Rev. A. B. Jones of Tate Street Church, Rev. Dewey Wallis of West Corinth Church, Deacon H. E. Ray, Jr. After thorough examination Brother Sharp was approved. Dr. Cox brought the ordination message. The Bible was presented by Brother A. B. Jones; and the ordination prayer led by Dr. T. W. Young. The laying on of hands was by the entire council and the deacons. The large audience gave the hand of fellowship. Brother Sharp got his A. B. degree from Mississippi College June 2, is this summer helping in young peoples' revivals and will enter the Louisville Seminary this fall.

Dr. B. C. Land visited his mother in Mississippi before going from Quincy to Riverside Church, Tampa, Florida. On the first Sunday of his pastorate in Tampa there were 12 additions to the church, two by baptism. A spirit of revival seems to be upon the people. Dr. G. H. Crutcher was pastor here for thirteen years.



In line with its new policy of emphasizing mission work in cities, the Home Board has recently appointed Dr. S. F. Davis as missionary in Atlanta Association, in cooperation with the Atlanta Association.

Evangelist D. Wade Smith of Hattiesburg, Miss., and Singer Robert L. Cooper of Aberdeen, are in a good meeting at Pearlhaven. Rev. C. O. Lindsey, the pastor, reports fine progress on the field and is highly pleased with results of the revival, which will continue through Friday night, June 25.

The Sunday School Board continues to enlarge its ministry to Southern Baptists and the world by the publishing of new and worth while books. Here is a volume containing the sermons preached over the south-wide radio broadcast during the Sunday afternoon Baptist Hour. The title, "The Living Christ in the Life of Today." Many who heard these sermons wished for them in permanent form, and those who did not hear them will wish to get them. Here they are, twelve sermons by representative preachers who were selected for the purpose. The preachers are Drs. M. E. Dodd, Geo. W. Truett, A. J. Moncrief, Jr., T. F. Adams, Ellis A. Fuller, J. Clyde Turner, John R. Sampey, C. C. Morris, C. Oscar Johnson, John H. Buchanan, T. L. Holcomb, John L. Hill and W. W. Hamilton. There are some of these men you would walk a long way to hear. You can get the whole series for \$1.00 from the Baptist Book Store.

Another book of sermons, also from the Broadman Press is by Dr. R. C. Campbell, until recently missionary secretary in Texas, now pastor in Columbia, S. C. The title is "A Quest for God." There are ten sermons. Dr. Campbell is a good interpreter and especially good in apt illustration. These sermons are not mere interpretations, and are not simply adorned with pictures. They have the drive of a genuine purpose and passion. This too can be had of the Baptist Book Store for \$1.00.

Rev. Percy Ray is in New Holland, North Carolina, in a revival meeting.

You can count on Mrs. Willis Brown (Miss Ruby Taylor) keeping busy. While her husband is chaplain in Fort Bragg, N. C., she has been working in a Vacation Bible School in the church at Raeford, the first in the history of the church. There were 82 enrolled. They are now in their revival meeting.

Mrs. D. Stewart reports good work done in a Vacation Bible School in Bethel Church, Pearl River County. This was followed by a revival led by Pastor Otis Ashworth. Several members were added to the church, some of whom were converted during the Vacation Bible School. The fields are white unto harvest.

Rev. N. S. Jackson announces a county-wide meeting at Forest Sunday 2:45 p. m. June 29 at the Methodist Church, in the interest of the young men in our army camps. It is expected that people from all over the county who are interested in the moral welfare of our soldier boys will attend.

It may be that there is a wider application than we are accustomed to think to the passage of Scripture which says, "Except a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone." We think of this as true of the individual, and we know that if a man dies to self it means a larger life. If we die to the world, it means a better world. If we die to the flesh, it means we live in the spirit. But it may be also that if our institutions which we so much cherish, or our civilization of which we boast shall perish, it may be that it brings in a new order, even the kingdom of God. When the kingdom of the world shall become the kingdom of God, then indeed, will His kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Pastor J. W. Sturdivant of Merigold writes that they are having the best D. V. B. School in the history of the church. Attendance is at an all-time high record and a wonderful spirit of co-operation is being shown by all. Some of the young college students are working in the school and are doing a fine job of teaching and leading. Instead of the regular class of manual training, the boys are screening the church house and repainting the wood-work. An offering is being taken for the hungry children in China's mission field.

The Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville is doing a great service to our people in its efforts to get them to read the right sort of books. They not only publish a fine list of them, but they are making efforts with good success to get church libraries installed in all our churches. This is a comparatively new department of the board's work, and yet over 800 libraries have been put into the churches. Generous inducements are made to get them introduced. A report has been compiled of the work in 177 of these churches which shows how the people are taking to it. The editor knows personally of the excellent work which has been done along this line in the church at Clinton of which he is a member. A stream of people go to the library when it is opened on Sunday and on Wednesday evening. Many books have been given by friends; some by the Sunday School Board, and some have been bought. There are two things which are necessary to the success of this enterprise. First, the books must be worth reading. This ought not to be difficult. And second it is necessary to have a librarian who will take a personal interest in the work and do all that is necessary in the way of frequent announcements to attract readers.

June 18 Drew Church ordained as deacons Messrs. C. R. Hughes, Robert Wiltshire and Curtis Smith. Pastor Howard E. Spell presided; Dr. I. D. Eavenson of Cleveland preached the sermon and Dr. Nat Tracy of Ruleville delivered the charge. Special prayer was led by Rev. A. L. O'Bryant. The whole period was worshipful.—F. C. Barnes.

West Corinth Church had Dr. S. J. Riser of Blue Mountain to preach in a ten days' meeting. He brought clear-cut, forceful messages. He is a fine evangelistic preacher. Mr. Robert Moore of Thatcher led the singing. He is a fine gospel singer and gets the people to sing.—Y.

Tate Street Church, Corinth, has just closed a good revival meeting. Fine congregations have come twice daily to hear Rev. C. E. Patch of Baldwin. He is a forceful and straight-out gospel preacher and the people like to hear him. The meetings in the three Baptist Churches in Corinth have resulted in many additions by letter and baptism and the ingathering will continue.—T.W.Y.

Rev. J. H. Street is helping Pastor Sumrall in a meeting at Bay Springs June 18-25. This gave the editor an opportunity to preach at Durant Sunday morning and evening to people who listened like they were trained to it. This church keeps busy with a program which seeks to enlist every member in service. We found the most gracious hospitality in the pastor's family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. McCormick, missionaries to Africa have returned on furlough to America. With them came Miss Ethel Harmon who is in Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore. Misses Susan Anderson and Neale Young from Africa are expected June 24.

Mrs. J. C. Powell, Misses Isabella Moore and Elma Elam, and Dr. and Mrs. Paul O'Neal, who were on the steamer Zamzam sunk by Germans, have been returned to America. Other missionaries are now on their way to Africa.

It is said that the first church organized in what was known as the Northwest Territory (in Ohio) was a Baptist Church, started in 1790. The location is now within the city of Cincinnati.

The people of Clinton were shocked last Friday by the sudden death of Mrs. Annie McLean Lassiter, wife of Prof. J. M. Lassiter, superintendent of the public schools. She came to Clinton as a young lady some 30 years ago. Her father was president of the Bank of Clinton and a prayer meeting member of the Baptist Church. She has been for many years the church organist, and was one of the most faithful members the church has ever had. Besides her husband she has one daughter, Miss Mary Beth Lassiter who is with the Vacation Bible School Department of the Sunday School Board in Nashville; also a brother, Mr. Arthur McLean of Mobile. The funeral service was held in the Clinton Church Saturday afternoon, conducted by Dr. P. I. Lipsey.

Editor Tinnin of the Baptist Message protests against the admission of Catholics and Jewish workers in the army camps, while Baptists and Protestants are excluded, being represented only by the Y. M. C. A., a social and recreational institution.

A tent seating 5,000 will be used for an evangelistic campaign in Shreveport, La., September 14 to October 12. Evangelist Hyman Appelman preaching.

A new church was organized last Sunday at the South Lake Shore, just west of Shreveport, La. This resulted from a tent meeting held by Rev. B. F. Wallace and he becomes pastor of the new church.

Rev. B. Frank Hasty, for some years connected with the Relief and Annuity Board in Dallas, has accepted a call to San Jacinto Church, Amarillo, Texas and is already on the field.

The war in Europe took on a new phase Sunday when fighting began between Germany and Russia. Here are two of the greatest armies ever assembled, extending over a 3,000 mile border from the Baltic to the Black Sea. It must be that Hitler is desperately in need of oil and wheat, of which Russia has plenty. He and Stalin have pretended all the time to be great friends, but the former does not know the meaning of the word friendship, and the latter may be equally ignorant. This war has held one surprise after another and nobody can predict what turn it will take next. We only know that God will have the last word.

The Western Recorder gives on its first page the likeness of Dr. E. E. Bomar, now of Landrum, S. C. who has many distinctions, one of which is that he has reached his eightieth birthday. He served several years as Associate Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, and many years in pastorates in Kentucky, North Carolina and South Carolina. The Lord has greatly blessed his ministry.

The Southern Baptist Convention at its meeting in May allotted to the Home Board in connection with the State Boards the task of meeting the religious needs in the army camps, where our young men are in military training. Dr. J. B. Lawrence asked for a meeting in Nashville of 10 of the state secretaries, a committee from the Home Board and the Administrative Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. "This combined group after careful thought and study agreed to ask Southern Baptists for \$300,000 for this emergency cause." They also asked that offerings for this cause be made July 27, after information had been given the people. We have in Mississippi nearly 100,000 young men.

Rev. Joe Skinner of Tupelo preached Sunday and Sunday night for Rev. Percy Ray at Myrtle and Glenfield. This is one of our most promising young preachers.

Rev. Felix Arnold, an alumnus of Mississippi College and of the Southern Seminary goes from Winston-Salem, N. C., where he has been director of education in First Church, to be pastor of Boykins Church and Branchville Church in Virginia.

Rev. James D. Walker had Rev. T. R. Coulter of Richton, Mississippi, with him in a revival meeting at Center Terrace-Canton, Miss., June 8-15. Brother Coulter is a fearless preacher. He preaches the old time gospel with power and conviction. He loves the Lord, and has a deep compassion for the lost. The entire membership of the church was greatly blessed and there were twenty-three additions to the church, of this number six came upon profession of faith and seventeen came by letter.

—BR—

#### IN THIS HOUR OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY By Louis D. Newton

In this hour of "unlimited national emergency" our Baptist papers offer a vital ministry, essential to every Baptist home. Our nation needs spiritual resources as much as we need material instruments of war. We cannot defeat Hitler with drunken soldiers and diseased women.

The Baptist paper will strengthen every home in rendering the finest possible service to our nation in this crucial hour. And every soldier in training will be helped, away from home and church, if he receives his state Baptist paper every week.

May I urge upon pastors throughout the Southern Baptist Convention the great service which you may render your church and your nation by putting your state Baptist paper in the budget of your church at once. Don't wait until fall. Do it now. And don't forget to send your paper to the men in training.



## Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS," I Cor. 13:8b

"Go" Mt. 5:24; "Go" Mt. 10:6; "Go" Mt. 11:4;  
"Go" Mt. 28:7; "Go" Mt. 28:19; "Go" Mk. 16:15;  
"Go" Lk. 9:60.

"Give" Mt. 5:42; "Give" Mt. 10:8; "Give" Mt. 19:21;  
"Give" Lk. 6:38; "Give" II Cor. 9:7.

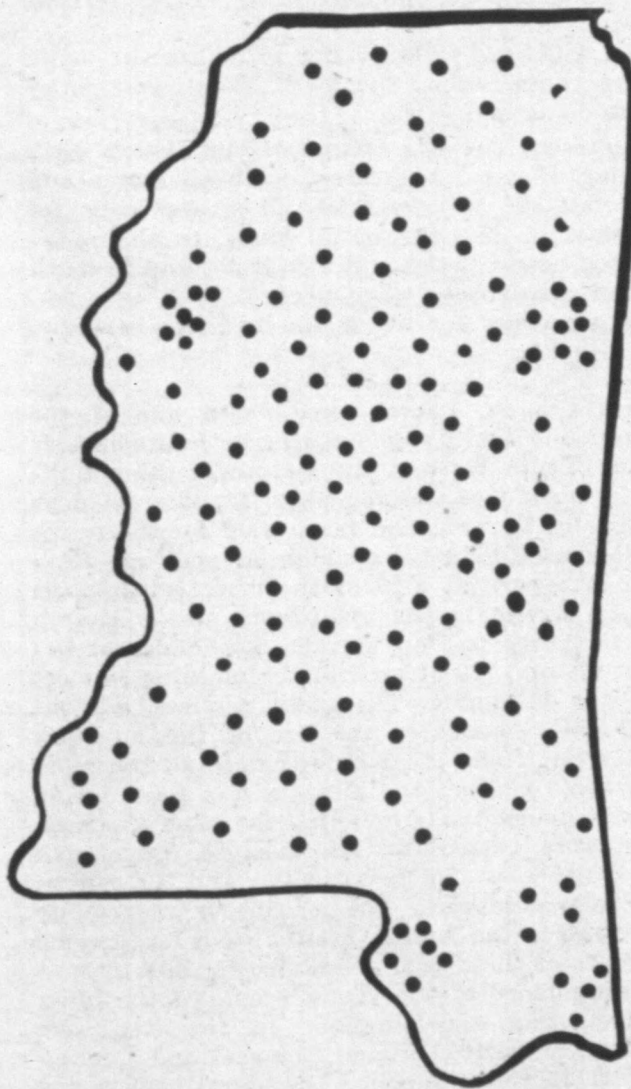
### I

We reproduce below a picture of the map of Mississippi used at the Southern Baptist Convention in featuring Brotherhood work in Mississippi. The dots represent local Brotherhoods. Each State was represented by such map. Mississippi seemed to be one of the first three as to number of Brotherhoods.

God said a long time ago, "I looked for a man . . . and found none." Ezekiel 22:30.

The Brotherhood helps call out men that they may be found of God. Paul charged, "Quit you like men, be strong." Every Mississippi Baptist Church would do well to have an active Brotherhood.

Officers of the Southwide Brotherhood Committee are John W. McCall, Memphis, Chairman; Mr. Harry Smallwood, Laurel, Mississippi, member; Dr. Lawson Cooke, Executive Secretary, and Dr. Hugh F. Latimer, Associate Secretary. Quarterlies and organization literature may be had from the Memphis office.



### II

This hymn was sung Brotherhood Night at the Southern Baptist Convention:

"A million men for Jesus Christ," just meet the throng of Baptist laymen in the South,  
Both brave and strong, Each man has courage,  
noble heart,

Willing and ready to do his part.

Let's join in this triumphant song, Here they come! Come! Open the door,

They stand ready for the Lord evermore "A Million men for Jesus Christ" spells Victory  
Whose faith is in the living Christ, who set us free.  
Our Baptist Brotherhood means loyalty.

"Evangelism" is our theme, we pray and pray that

God will use us in His work from day to day,  
To win lost souls into the fold, Sharing our wealth  
as we are told,  
Come on, enlist, we'll lead the way, Get in step!  
Step!

One-two-three, We'll march, march to victory.  
"A million men for Jesus Christ" come join today.  
We need one more and you're the one, don't go  
astray,

For Baptist Brotherhood is here to stay.

—Brotherhood Victory March.

### III

Dr. Alldredge, in a splendid article on State Mission work, p. 50, April, May, June issue of the Quarterly Review, says, "AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE CAUSE OF STATE MISSIONS, ONCE SO PROMINENT IN ALL OUR STATE CONVENTIONS, HAS LONG SINCE BECOME A MINOR FEATURE OF STATE CONVENTION WORK IN PRACTICALLY ALL THE STATES." He speaks the truth! He knows! And what a tragedy!

We have defended the work of our Christ! We shall continue defending it! We will not have criticism from those who would stab it in the back!

Our heart literally hurts, on the other hand, over what we see in sections of our State! The vast needs! Letters pour in for help! Pastors, evangelists, laymen, write in asking, "What shall we do about it?"

Will it be written on another page about another people, "Mine Own Vineyard Have I not Kept."

If Mississippi is won to Christ, so far as Baptists are concerned, Mississippi Baptists will do it! And Baptists of the Mississippi Baptist Convention! Others may and should help, but nobody else is in position to do it.

Will Mississippi Baptists reach out, step up, go on and do it?

### IV

For the past four years, in every revival held, we have preached 2-6 Foreign Missionary sermons. We have held 10-14 revivals each year, and besides made many travel or mission talks. We have given out thousands of Foreign Mission tracts. We arranged to take Foreign Missionaries to over thirty associations last Fall. That suggests our attitude both as pastor and in this position.

At the Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Convention in March, Brother E. C. Williams was thoughtful enough to give us a place on the program. It was the popular 11 o'clock period. We used that time in talking about Home Mission experiences, of recent occurrence, in Cuba. We have given out thousands of Home Mission tracts. We arranged to have two Home Missionaries visit many of our Fall association meetings. That is suggestive of our attitude there.

At the W. M. U. Convention we spoke, wholeheartedly, on the Now Club.

We are afraid we are doing like many others, some in positions of leadership. When have you heard an emphatic pronouncement on State Missions by habitual Convention speakers? How many of us get a thrill as we contemplate the work of State Missions? How many, whom you know, give evidence of a passion for the 720,000 lost within our State?

Some of our states may become another Palestine!

### V

It was good to be in a few services at Pope. Eight additions, six boys baptized. In splendid R. O. Shinn home.

Dr. J. R. G. Hewlett is one of the stalwarts of the ministry. Has been pastor at Cleveland, Belen, Jonestown, Marks, Lula, Osyka, Amite, Eupora, Tylertown, Water Valley, Charleston, and other churches.

Organized churches at Dockery, Ruleville, Boyle, Lambert, East Fork, Cowart and Pharsalia.  
Led in building programs at three of above places and Paul, Wayside, Friendship Number One and Sidon.

He has been in the ministry 46 years, served in Enlistment Work five years, and, has "pastored" about 50 churches.

He is one of the best Bible scholars we know, having the answer to many "isms" that plague not a few people.

### BR

Rev. Ray Dykes becomes pastor of Enon Church, Washington Parish, Louisiana, July 15.

## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

### Bowmar Avenue, Vicksburg

Rev. Paul Cranford has recently gone to Bowmar Avenue as Pastor. The work is growing under his ministry. In another column are some facts about the work. We were told that the prayer meeting attendance has already gone beyond the 100 mark.

Having had the EVERY FAMILY Plan at his former churches he felt the need of it at Bowmar Avenue. We found a full auditorium on Sunday night. But we hardly knew the church. Remodelling and painting had done wonders.

We explained the EVERY FAMILY Plan and the pastor told them that he believed in it and hoped they would adopt it. And they did. In fact, only two churches in Mississippi have failed to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan where this procedure was followed.

Warren County now has subscribers listed as follows: CALVARY 20; First Vicksburg 18; BOWMAR AVENUE 60; Rt. 1, Vicksburg 1; Yokena 3.

### Water Valley

Every time we see anyone from Water Valley we get a good report concerning the church and the Pastor, Rev. W. C. Howard.

In another column are pictures of the Intermediate Department and the Victory class of fourteen-year girls. Billy Baddley is the department superintendent and they say he is a good one. The same report is heard of W. B. Hunter, who is general Sunday School superintendent.

Baptist Record circulation in Yalobusha County is as follows: Coffeeville 12; Rt. 3, Coffeeville 1; NEW HOPE 13; OAKLAND 18; Pine Valley 1; Scobey 4; Spring Hill 1; SYLVARENA 11; WATER VALLEY 111; Wayside 6; Elam 5.

### Baptist Churches Should

Send The Baptist Record to their men who are in the Military Service. Send it on the individual subscription or on the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

### None Can And Do As Well

"I enclose my renewal for The Baptist Record as I can not get along without it.

"B. Murphree,  
"Pittsboro, Mississippi."

### So Do We

"I wonder why ALL Baptists don't subscribed for The Record. It is the best literature one can have in the home.

"Mrs. M. A. Milligan,  
"Jackson, R. F. D."

### BR

### S. W. MISSISSIPPI ENCAMPMENT

The second Southwest Mississippi Baptist Assembly will be held at Percy Quin Park near McComb July 6-11. The initial encampment was held at Percy Quin Park last summer and was such an outstanding success that we believe it will reach almost state-wide proportions in attendance and interest in future years.

The setting is wonderful for a quiet religious retreat filled with information, inspiration and recreation. We will have entire charge of the camp with all the facilities that the camp affords. Rev. C. Z. Holland of Canton will be the inspirational speaker, bringing two messages daily. H. E. Nelson, Jr., of Baton Rouge, La., will bring a special message each evening. This feature of the program will emphasize the possibilities of youth.

Brother E. C. Williams will represent the S. S. department, Bro. A. J. Wilds, the B. T. U. department and Miss Fannie Taylor the W. M. U. department of our state work.

The entire cost of food and lodging and registration fee will be \$5.50 for the week. You are cordially invited to join us.—Wyatt R. Hunter.



## Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

### REASONS WHY WE SHOULD PRAY DAILY FOR STATE MISSIONS UNTIL OUR SEASON OF PRAYER

#### OUR STATE—

Mississippi, millions love you  
With a lofty love and true,  
While the blue skies blaze  
above you,  
All your sons will cherish  
you.  
You have watched our long  
endeavor,  
You have nursed us at your  
breast,  
In your earthen arms forever,  
Let us sleep in dreamless  
rest.

Mississippi! Mississippi! Lift her  
Name in song sublime,  
Mississippi! Mississippi! Sound it  
Down the sweeps of time.  
We are standing, we are standing,  
Loyal to our royal state  
And we hear her voice commanding  
"Hold me high and keep me great."

O—Our State. Do we love our state! No other group of Baptists feels responsible for the aged ministers, homeless churches, unenlisted church members, the more than one-half million unsaved, the orphans, the sick, etc. These are ours to enlist, to aid, to nurture and to lead to Christ. If the multitudes are reached, we in Mississippi must do it. Paul lamented over his people. "I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also beareth me witness in the Holy Spirit, that I have great heaviness and continued sorrow in my heart, for I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh." **Pray Ye.**

U—United we win! "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." In unity there is strength, will you join us in prayer for our State at nine o'clock each morning. **Pray Ye!**

R—Revelation. O, Father reveal to us our great obligations to our State, and our ability to meet them. "That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his spirit in the inner man." Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that worketh in us."

S—Soldier boys in Mississippi—A few days ago I saw a cartoon by Charles A. Wells that showed figures representing promoters of intemperance, gamblers, and prostitutes on the road marching toward the military training camps where millions of our boys are being trained to defend our country. The theme for our State Mission program is "The Lord Is Our Defense." If our boys in Mississippi are to be defended against the forces of vice and intemperance which are allowed to swarm around our military camps, it will have to be done by the Christian men and women who will march against such perils in the strength of the Lord. **Therefore Pray!**

T—Tarry until ye shall receive power. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. In Paul's prayer in first chapter of Ephesians he prayed that they might increase in the knowledge of God's power revealed in Christ and shown in His resurrection. When all the needs for the Gospel in Mississippi loom up before us, we realize the necessity of prayer. **Therefore Pray!**

A—Abide in me. "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what you will, and it shall be done unto you." We are asking the Woman's Missionary Union to give as much for the State Mission offering as was given to

Home Missions in March. I know it is His Will. **Therefore Pray!**

T—Thanksgiving: "Be anxious in nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." O Give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for His mercy endureth forever." "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ."

Recall each day the spiritual and material blessings that are ours and you will find your heart singing praises unto Him. Daily should we thank Him for our opportunities. **Therefore Pray!**

E—Expecting: "Ask and ye shall receive." And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us; and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him. **Therefore Pray!**

—BR—

### TO THE MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

One-half of the year with all its sorrows, heart-aches, sufferings and opportunities to bear 'good tidings of great joy' has become history; but thanks be unto Him, we are permitted to continue our witnessing in His Name.

The month of June has been a very busy but fruitful month for Woman's Missionary Union in its Auxiliary Camps for our boys and girls. An ancient Chinese philosopher once said: "If you are planning for one year—sow rice; if you are planning for ten years—plant trees; if you are planning for one hundred years—grow men." I want to express my appreciation to every missionary society that has sent either boys or girls to camps this year. If our missionary enterprise is to continue, we must not neglect the missionary education of our young people. It is our business to grow missionary minded men and women.

July gives us another opportunity to foster our young people's organizations in the Intermediate G. A. house party July 23-26 and Y. W. A. Camp July 28-Aug. 1 at Castalian Springs.

Two important items should have first place during this whole quarter:

First, work with the church in finishing the goals for your church in the Now Club at the earliest possible moment. This is one of the greatest pieces of mission work we can do now.

Second, make very definite preparation for the Margaret Lackey Season of Prayer for State Missions. We have so many new needs for State Missions since a multitude of new people have come into our state the last few months, we must set our goals high. Will you plan to give as much to the State Mission offering as you gave to Home Missions in March? Hope you will.

—BR—

### DISTRICT VI JR. G. A. CAMP

The Jr. G. A. Camp for District VI was held at Decatur, E. C. J. C. June 5-7. It was directed by Mrs. A. B. Wood, Young People's Leader for the district. Miss Ruth Kirk, the new field worker for the W. M. U. of Mississippi was assistant.

Three missions study classes were taught by girls who were enrolled in our W. M. U. Training School last year. Classes in Methods were also conducted in six groups, these covering the work of Girl's Auxiliary. In each of these classes the girls were led into a very personal and practical ways and means of carrying out the great commission.

There were assembly programs featuring all phases of our work. At the Home Mission Hour, Mrs. Ruby McDowell of Meridian and a number of G. A.'s put on a "puppet show." This was both instructive and entertaining. It was based on "The Adventures of a Cooperative Program Dollar." Miss Ruth Garcia, a lovely native girl of Argentina, inspired the girls with her messages, and charmed them with stories of her homeland.

A large group of counselors were enrolled in Miss Kirk's class for counselors. It was felt by those who had been to District VI camps in previous years, that this was one of the best.

Total registration—86

### State W. M. U. Field Worker



MISS RUTH KIRK

The above picture is to acquaint you with the face of our new field worker, Miss Ruth Kirk, that began her work with us the latter part of May. She was elected July, 1940 to begin work in September but she felt the necessity of going to our W. M. U. Training School in Louisville for one year before coming to us. We gladly gave her our permission for this opportunity for further study.

She comes to us fully equipped for the task. She is a graduate of Blue Mountain College, then studied further and obtained her Master's Degree. She has had experience in the teaching profession which fits her more perfectly for her responsibility.

You will have to know her to realize the depth of her consecration. She gives herself completely to the doing of His will.

At present she has charge of our Junior Girl's Auxiliary Camps, but later in the summer and early fall she will be ready to answer calls for associational meetings of all kinds, to aid in organizing new societies and auxiliaries and to teach mission study books when needed.

We are eager for all of you to meet her—You will love her.

—BR—

First Church, Laurel, experienced one of the greatest spiritual awakenings in its entire history during "Youth Week," June 1-8, under the matchless leadership of Chester Swor. Eight great days of food for the soul and inspiration for the heart. Services were held twice daily, an open air service in the park at 6:30 in the morning, and the evening service in the auditorium of the church at 7:45. There was an average attendance of between 175 and 200 at each of the morning services from the beginning. The night services, without exception, necessitated the use of the auxiliary auditorium. These great crowds were all the more remarkable because the meeting was held during the week immediately following the close of school. There were twenty-two additions to the church during the week and between two and three hundred reconsecrations. The whole city and county participated, the active brotherhoods sponsoring bus loads of their local young people. The interest and attendance of the young people of the other churches and denominations in the city were amazing. A youth chorus of 35 voices and a junior choir of 25 voices supplied the special music and led the congregation in a great praise service. The church, city and county are grateful for the coming of Chester Swor. He is one of the most remarkable Christians it has ever been the privilege of this writer to know.—Fred Scholfield.

—BR—

The decision of President Roosevelt to ask the removal of every German Consul in the United States was brought about by facts which made it clear that these consulates had forgotten that they were to look after business. The proof was plain that they have been guilty of promoting sabotage and dissensions in America, encouraging strikes and hindering the work of defense. Their removal was necessary to national self-preservation.



# MEN WITHOUT STATUS

## T. B. Maston, Fort Worth

The present army draft has revealed a situation concerning some of our workers that has existed for some time. There has been in recent years an increasing number of young men who have felt called of the Lord to full time vocational religious work but they have not felt that their work was to be preaching. There has been also an increasing demand from our churches and denomination for these men to serve as educational directors, student secretaries, field workers, directors of church music and other lines of religious service. However, little attention has been given to the status of these men in the churches and in the work of our denomination. Many other religious groups have either ordained these men or have given them such recognition that they are classed as ministers. I am not suggesting exactly what ought to be done but surely something should be done.

Because these men have not been given any status they are being put into Class I by their draft boards and a number of them have been taken from their work in the churches and inducted into the service. There have been a number of men in the Southwestern Seminary this past year who have been put in Class I and who will go into the service this summer simply because they are not ordained and are not "preparing for the ministry." I am sure the Southern Seminary and the Baptist Bible Institute have men in the same situation. Such men in most other denominations would be placed in Class IV. Certainly I am not pleading, and most of these men would not have any plea made for them, that they be given some recognition so as to escape military service; but they should have the privilege of giving that service along spiritual rather than strictly military lines. The main point is that the draft situation reveals a condition that should have been cared for a long time ago.

What are we going to do about these men without status? Something should be done not only for their sakes but as a protection to the churches. Is it not important that we have in these places of service men of high character, sound in the faith, called of God? Some type of dedication or recognition would give the churches an opportunity to examine workers along these lines. It would help to weed out of the field some men who are an embarrassment to their fellow workers and sometimes a seeming hindrance to the cause of Christ. If anything is done about these men, the ordained ministers are going to have to take the lead. Many of you preachers understand the situation. Will a sufficient number of you be big and generous enough to work out this problem faced by many of your co-laborers who have been called of God to dedicate their lives to His service?

—BR—

Bill: "Speaking about baseball, I even have a baseball dog."

Jim: "What makes you call him a baseball dog?"

Bill: "Because he wears a muzzle, catches flies, chases fowls, and beats it for home when he sees the catcher coming."

# THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST NOW CLUB

FRANK E. SKILTON, General Chairman

## A PROGRAM OF PERSEVERANCE

### 7-MINUTE TALK OF DR. R. B. GUNTER GIVEN OVER WJDX, MAY 25

#### NOW

"There is no word in language wrought  
So beautiful as NOW;  
It is a song in letters three,  
A sweet and sacred vow;  
It is our greatest heritage,  
The answer to our plea,  
God gives us NOW to make supreme,  
NOW is eternity."

"There is no need for backward looks,  
No cause for forward fears;  
With NOW we have a mighty tool  
That shall outlast the years;  
A tool to shape our destiny,  
To make us bond or free;  
We need but grasp the golden NOW  
To know eternity."

The Mississippi Baptist Convention owes \$525,000.00 represented by outstanding bonds which mature from now until 1957. These bonds bear 6% interest. Both principal and interest are being paid on maturity dates.

This indebtedness was incurred in the interest of Mississippi Baptist Convention Colleges. The larger percentage of the amount was for permanent endowment in order that graduates from these schools might be accepted as teachers in standard institutions of learning and as students in the universities of our country.

The present value of the endowment of the Convention's colleges amounts to more than \$1,000,000.00. The value of the buildings, lands and equipment of these schools is appraised at approximately \$2,000,000.00, making a total in assets of \$3,000,000.00. The indebtedness therefore in behalf of the convention's institutions is approximately 1-6 of the appraised value.

The plan which has been approved for paying the indebtedness is known as the Now Club. It covers a period of three years, closing with 1943, instead of 1957 as the plan approved by the Philadelphia Convention. The completion of the present plan will amount to the saving of approximately \$300,000.00 in interest. The plan now calls for a few more than 11,000 contributors paying from \$36.00 to \$1000.00 each for the period. The plan is open, however, to every Baptist. Each is given the opportunity of electing himself a member of the club and deciding which group of contributors he will enter. In a crucial hour Lord Nelson was called upon to issue a statement which would stir the English people to action and save Britain from French domination. Lord Nelson issued the following statement, "Every Englishman is expected to do his duty." The statement fired the English people, and England triumphed. No less should be expected of every Missis-

issippi Baptist at this hour. Every one is expected to do his whole duty. It is more than a duty, it is a privilege. No Baptist should wait to be drafted were such possible or in the plan. He should enlist as a volunteer.

If this indebtedness is paid it will be paid by Mississippi Baptists. The indebtedness on the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board will be paid by Baptists of the Southern states. Not so with the indebtedness of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. When Winston Churchill took the reins of power in England a short time ago he said, "If England is saved, she will have to save herself." He was appealing to every Englishman to fight for England's security. In like manner, Mississippi Baptists will have to save it. We can not depend upon outside aid.

But we do not need outside aid. We are able to pay the indebtedness ourselves and we are able to pay it now—not seventeen years from now—not three years from now—we are able to pay it this year. We are able to pay it now. Eleven thousand Baptists out of the 272,000 of the state can pay it and will pay it if properly informed and given an opportunity. If Garibaldi saved Italy with 1100 men; if Gideon saved Israel from the Midianites with 300 men, if John Wesley could turn the world upside

down with 100 men whose only desire was to please God and whose only fear was that they might not please Him, then most assuredly there can be found of the 272,000 Mississippi Baptists 11,000 who will pay the \$525,000 represented by the outstanding bonds of the Baptist Education Commission of Mississippi.

To do this we should as pastors of the Baptist churches of Mississippi, continue in prayer until the Lord assures us of victory in our church, "All things are possible to him that believeth." The Lord has honored us pastors by making us leaders of His people. As shepherds we are to go before and lead the flock on. People are so constituted that they love to follow a conquering leader; they hear his voice and follow him.

This speaker has the honor of being pastor of churches which have already, since this club was begun, paid in cash their full quota for three years. In fact, they have paid nearly 7-10 of one per cent of the whole indebtedness of \$525,000.00. If 149 more pastorates would do what this pastorate has done, the indebtedness would be completely wiped out now. This speaker does not, however, claim credit for this achievement. It was due largely to faithful service of predecessors, field men, generous givers and the Lord. "Other men have labored, ye are entered into their labours." John 4:38. This speaker did, however, make this a matter of prayer until he could go before his congregation and say "I have no doubt but what we shall raise the full quota and raise it this year." It has been one of the easiest tasks ever undertaken and has brought to mind the words of Jer. 33:3, "Call unto me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things which they knowest not," and the even more impressive words found in Isaiah 65:24, "And it shall come to pass that before they call I will answer and while they are yet speaking I will hear."

Brother pastors, come in, the water is fine. Let us finish the task now.

#### BRUCE

Rev. L. F. Haire, pastor of the Baptist Church, is the busiest man in town. Came here first of last October, canvassed the church membership, helped revive and revise the work in general. Has had Sunday School Course taught last February, by Brother J. A. Farmer. In April, had B. T. U. Study Course taught by Miss Edna Hickman and a Daily Vacation Bible School taught by Miss Hannah Patterson first ten days of June and going to have a young people's revival beginning fifth Sunday in June, by two young ministers who conducted one here last year, Carmon Sharp and Bill Drummond, and we are expecting a great time. Second Sunday in August the regular annual revival will begin, running ten days, with Rev. D. A. McCall doing the preaching. All phases of the church life are thriving nicely. We hope to begin building a brick church house soon.

#### BRANDON VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The church at Brandon has just closed a most instructive and enjoyable Bible School, extending from June 2 through June 13. Because this was the first Bible School held in several years many of the teachers had never worked in one before; but the work was carried on splendidly. We had fifteen of the "workingest" teachers you ever saw. Brother H. W. Roberson, the pastor, is responsible for leading the church to give the school every possible support.

We had an enrollment of 82 and an average attendance of 61, including the teachers. The W. M. U. provided refreshments for the Beginners and Primaries nearly every day.

The children gave a very creditable commencement program the night of June 13, which was attended by a large number of parents and friends. —Antonina Canzoneri, Principal.

#### LYON

The Lyon VBS got off to a good start, Friday the thirteenth notwithstanding, with 47 pupils and workers present for the "Preparation Day" program. This is an increase over the first regular day last session. Part of the girls handwork will consist of Red Cross sewing, and the boys will refinish furniture and make useful articles for the home.

The faculty includes Mrs. H. J. Vickery and Mrs. A. J. Simmons, beginners; Mrs. J. A. Turney and Miss Elizabeth Hubbard, primaries, with the latter also directing playground activities; Mrs. W. M. Statent and Miss Floris McCandless, juniors; Mrs. B. Frank Smith and Mrs. H. W. Coleman, intermediates; Mrs. Virge Edwards, pianist; Miss Arnetta Hubbard, secretary, and the pastor serving as principal.—B. Frank Smith, Pastor.

—BR—

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# Sunday School Lesson

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BRACEY CAMPBELL

Lesson for June 29

## LESSONS FROM THE CHURCH AT CORINTH

Bible Texts: I Cor. 2:1-5; 3:1-23

I. Condition of the Corinthians. I Cor. 2:1-5; 3:1-4.

Open your Bible at I Cor. 2:1-5, and read it. You must do that in order to get the connection with I Cor. 3:1. Now read on through verse 4 of chapter two. See what he says of these Corinthians, and says it to them. They are "carnal," "babes in Christ." Paul thinks of people as falling into three classes: 1. The natural man. He is the man in his natural sinful state, never having been saved by the grace of God through any act of trust in Jesus. 2. "Carnal," "babes in Christ." This the man, these the people, who have trusted Christ, but have never yielded fully to Him. Look about you and see scores of them everywhere. They have been converted, but not all the way round. They will escape hell, because they have trusted the Savior, but they have held onto the world with one hand, they have not fully committed themselves. Oh, they have been warm once, but their ardor has cooled off. 3. The spiritual. This is the man who, having crowned Him Lord of His salvation has also made Him Lord of his life. This man has yielded fully to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Yielding to the Holy Spirit is identical with yielding to Christ, for the Spirit is God, and is that person of God through whom our Lord Jesus is now realized to His people, and the spiritual man is the man who is yielded to the Spirit.

These Corinthians have not fully yielded to the Spirit, hence, are not spiritually-minded. They have believed to the saving of their souls from hell, hence, are not natural men; but they have not grown in the grace and knowledge of the Lord. They are immature. They are babies when they ought to be grown up. Paul's illustration of this condition is the cause of the quarrel among the Corinthians, a quarrel as to the respective merits of the different ministers who labored in the Lord among them.

II. The Function of the Minister. Vv. 5-9.

1. Planting. This is the first work, the work of the evangelist, the seed-sower, the missionary. You may have good seed, but neither you nor anyone else will cultivate a crop till the seed is sown. Last Sunday, my dear old deacon brought me an ear of seed corn to Sunday School. He says he has gathered as many as seven ears off one stalk of that corn; but I should have got no ears at all, if I had kept that seed corn shut up away from the soil somewhere. It is necessary to plant. 2. Tilling. Work the crop. You will reap very little fruit from your fields except you cultivate your crop. This is the work of the pastor and the teacher. A church which is not cultivated, trained, taught, disciplined, will remain weak, no matter how large its membership. 3. Trust-

ing. Believing that God will give the increase, make the crop to grow, do His part in developing fine Christian character. 4. Realization. Realizing that the worker is working under the Lordship of God not only, but working in partnership with Him as well.

III. One Steadfast Foundation. V. 11.

"Other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ." Build a movement on Pastor Russell, Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson, Joseph Smith, Mohammed, or Father Divine, and you are off the foundation entirely. Presbyterians may build upon this one Foundation after a fashion, as well as may the Methodists, the Lutherans, and a lot of folks who believe in their hearts that Jesus only is the King of kings. Build upon Him, and you have beneath whatever you build the Foundation of the Rock of Ages, standing sure.

IV. Varieties of Building Material. Vv. 10-15.

Read all this passage, then read again verse 12. "If any man buildeth on the Foundation gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay stubble." Here Paul names six varieties of materials which may be built into a building; but I do not believe there is any significance in the number six, nor that the different materials named are intended to convey any separate and special symbolic significance. "Gold, silver, costly stones," mean good building materials, while "wood, hay, stubble," mean faulty building materials. What the builders handle and build upon the one Rock Foundation is their teaching. Paul is not here thinking of the men who are built upon the foundation except as these men in their characters exhibit the quality of the teaching they have received.

V. Judgment. V. 13.

"The day shall declare it." This language means "judgment" and don't you forget it. And he is talking to saved men, and don't you forget that. If you doubt it, read the second verse in the epistle and note that he calls these people "saints." For whatever we teach as to the truths of our holy religion will be brought into judgment, and don't you forget it. Sunday School Teacher, remember that you are under a binding obligation to teach the truth. Preacher, you are going to be judged by what you preach. You don't know what to preach and teach! Bless you, go study, pray, live, and learn. But notice that it is the builder's work, teaching that is to undergo the fiery trial, not the man himself. He is not in the fire. There is no purgatory here. In the devil-doctrine of purgatory it is the man who is in the fire, and the purpose of his being there is that all impurity may be burned out of him; here it is the work of the man as a shaper of character that is tried by the fire, and either it stands the fire-test because it is good, or it is consumed because it is faulty.

VI. The True Temple of God on Earth. Vv. 16, 17.

It is the church, the congregation of believers in Corinth that Paul has in mind, and not individual. God dwells in the assembly, and acts through it to the salvation of the lost and the edification of the saved. God dwells in the church! Hold this

thought till you realize it. All the believers make up God's temple, which temple finds example in every congregation of believers. Does it make a difference? God dwells in the church. Does that make a difference as to what you preach and teach when God is there to hear it? God is in His church. Does that make any difference when you may be plotting to have your way in the church in spite of anybody and everybody else?

VII. Wisdom Versus Folly. Vv. 17-20.

Herr Hitler just about sums up the wisdom of the world today. What he is doing is in line with what the world would say is the wise thing to do. Adolf Hitler thinks a Christian is a fool, and that Christian teaching is arrant folly. But the Christian thinks poor Hitler is a fool, and the Christian is right. If any man in my church thinks he is wise after the Hitlerian fashion, he is a fool in the sight of God. If you or I would be wise in the sight of men, we must be fools in the sight of God. If we would be wise in the sight of God, we must be fools in the sight of men. If you think you are wise in the sight of men and in your own sight, remember that God accounts you a fool.

VIII. Christian Possessions and the Possessor. Vv. 21-23.

Read those words once and again. The whole cosmos belongs to you! I was poor even while I was a student, and I wore the clothes I had down from Clinton into my native county to preach in a meeting. The quality of my clothes led a daughter of a prosperous man to laugh at me to one of my friends because, as she said, "I bet I could buy all he had on for \$5.00." She could have done so. You ever wear cheap clothes because you could afford no other? Do you still believe Paul when he says that yours is the earth and everything that is in it? But that is what he says, isn't it? He says all the preachers are yours. You are unwise to say that Brother This or Doctor That is your preacher. Why, bless you, we are all yours, put into the world for your sanctification, for your edification. Life is yours to make it symmetrical and sublime. Death is yours that you may use it as a marble stairway to lead you into the glorified presence of your Lord. Death is yours, a priceless experience whereby and wherein you may bear witness to your Lord. The present is yours, wherein to live and love; the future is yours wherein to realize all that life in Him can mean. You are His, and He is God's. What do you want?

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This seems to be the doom overshadowing our American people today. Will defense and prayer be effective before our house is put in order? Let us consider our main highways; dotted with every kind of gambling, drinking and dancing den that the human mind can conceive. It has become such a custom for our people to visit these places that they are disregarding God's Holy Sabbath buying, selling, trading and trafficking illegally and unlawfully violating God's Holy Sabbath.

The buyer is just as guilty as the seller, regardless of preacher, deacon, teacher or layman. Many of our good citizens are being caught in this devil's trap set to deceive the very elect if possible.

None can walk the way to peace except those who walk in the name of the Lord our God. With these facts before us, can we say that our house is in order?

Any government can become a veritable center of power and influence for world peace. Not only can this happen in one but all governments. Governments, churches, and Christian people can hear today the call of God's Spirit saying: Separate unto me your best leaders for the work of Christianizing my people that they may be my people and that I may be their God.

In my best judgment, if we save America, we must put forth our best efforts to set our house in order. Discontinue violating the laws of the Holy Sabbath and pray that the curse of war will not invade our land.

In the 16th chapter of Exodus, we find our Lord's commands, laws and requirements concerning His holy day of rest. Any reasonably intelligent person can understand this and be governed accordingly.

It is the desire of the writer that every law abiding citizen will put forth his or her best efforts against the evils mentioned herein.—Noah Ellis, Collins.

## —BR— PASTORS, ACT AT ONCE

The Relief and Annuity Board is planning a great day of dedication of its new building which has been set for Wednesday, July 16. All State and General Secretaries and Editors, together with the State members of the Relief and Annuity Board have been invited to be present.

Secretary Watts is eager to see several hundred preachers and their churches enter the Ministers Retirement Plan before this dedication takes place. In the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention there are so many preachers who are not in their State Plan who ought to be in that it seems this would be a perfectly reasonable thing to be accomplished.

Surely, brethren, this is the time to act. Send in your applications to me that I may forward them on to the Relief and Annuity Board at Dallas. Let there be quick and definite action wherever possible.

Yours in Service,  
D. A. McCall,  
Executive Secretary.

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## Sunday School Department

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### All In

All the books for the 1941 series for Vacation Bible Schools are now available and may be secured from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson. It is not at all too late to begin planning for your school. In fact, there will be many schools held during July and August. Most of the schools in the rural churches will be held during those two months.

Plan now for your school, get the books, enlist the faculty, advertise the school, and work for the best one possible. One of the very best things for us all in the Vacation school work is the fact that the daily program for each department is so completely and thoroughly outlined that even workers with no previous experience can go right on with them and have a great school.

And, then, too, be sure and report your school. We fell a bit short of our goal last year, and we have since learned that the goal was actually reached in the number of schools held, but that a great many never did report the schools. Help your church, your association, your state, and the South, by reporting your school. If you want a blank for this, it may be secured by writing a card to the Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

But, by all means, report your school.

### Holmes Association

During the week of June 8-13 the Holmes County associational Sunday school organization promoted a simultaneous Sunday school enlargement campaign in fifteen of the twenty-two churches in the association. There was one worker to a church, and during the week a census was made in the churches that had not recently had one, the census results were assorted, graded, tabulated, and distributed to the officers and teachers, new classes were organized, workers' meetings started in several churches, the standard of excellence adopted as a program of work, and each night a class was taught in some book in the Sunday school study course.

All in all, it was a very helpful day's work, and too much credit cannot be given all those in the association who worked diligently in promoting such a far-reaching program. Pastors, superintendents, and the associational officers worked hard in preparing for it. It will produce much fruit in the months ahead.

### Not One Month

It is now less than one month until Sunday School Week at Ridgecrest. The exact date is July 12-18. We know of a number of our Mississippi people who are planning to attend, and we hope that even others will yet decide to go.

It will be a great week, offering opportunity for contact with many of the very best in the Sunday school field. Then, too, it will be a helpful and refreshing trip from the standpoint of physical rest and mental

### BAPTIST WORK IN THE STATE OF RIO GRANDE DO SUL-FAR SOUTH BRAZIL

By Harley Smith, Caixa Postal, 118, Porto Alegre  
B-R-A-Z-I-L

God marvelously blessed our work on Sunday March 9th. One fine young man came forward for baptism in the morning service at the Central Church of Porto Alegre. He gave a striking testimony—one of the best that has been heard in the church so far. He told the church in plain, simple words that he wanted to be baptized in order that he might be of greater service to the cause of Christ. He wanted to fulfill his obligation as a Christian in every way even to the point of tithing.

Such a testimony was wholesome coming from a young man of nineteen or twenty years of age. The church voted to accept him as a candidate for baptism and he was baptized at the evening service. There were two others received by letter.

In the afternoon, the writer of these lines, went to a small church—the First Baptist Church of Canoas, twelve miles away. There were nine candidates examined for baptism and eight of them were accepted, one being asked to wait until the next church conference.

God is revealing His face to us in a most peculiar way. Much has been done for the Master in these sixteen years of service, but not all that might have been done. However, we bow our heads in humility and gratitude to Him for His wonderful blessings.

It is time for our furlough, but God continues to bless and to multiply our work so that there is it seems, no stopping place.

Please remember to pray for us in this most fruitful field of the world. Pray that there may be a great turning to God in our day.

upbuilding, as well as spiritual good.

### Southwest Assembly

The program for the Southwest Mississippi Baptist Assembly is now out, and it offers ample help in every good way for all who attend.

This Assembly was begun last year and the first year was such a success that they are continuing it. It is held at the Percy Quin Park, near McComb, and the date is July 6-11. The cost for the full week is only \$5.00, with fifty cents registration fee.

The management has certainly done a good job in preparing for this Assembly, and all who go will be richly repaid. It is promoted by the Southwest Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference, which meets monthly at McComb. This is indeed a most worthy part of their program.

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### NEW ALBANY D. V. B. S.

First Church has just closed a successful Bible School with enrollment of 258, and average attendance of 206. A faculty enrollment of 47, and average attendance of 43. It was led by Miss Marguerite Hill and Mrs. Van Russell with the following assistants:

Intermediate Department—Mrs. Varda Smith and seven workers.

Junior Department—Mrs. Howard McCoy and eight workers.

Primary—Mrs. H. R. Boswell and fifteen workers.

Beginners—Mrs. Henry King and eleven workers.

The first week we had the capable assistance of three young men from Mississippi College in a Youth Revival. They helped in every way possible. Rev. Joe Skinner of Tupelo, David Byrd of Clinton and Joe Allman of Newton Commencement exercises were held on Friday night with an overflowing house. Each department gave an outline of its work. Rev. Joe Skinner brought an inspirational message on "Going Forward with Christ." During our school fifteen Intermediate and Junior boys and girls accepted Christ and seven have already united with the church and been baptized.

### NEW ALBANY

A Youth Revival sponsored by the Intermediates closed in our church Sunday, June 8. This was followed immediately by a Daily Vacation Bible School. The other young people cooperated in the revival in a splendid way. The adult group helped in all the services. Scores were led to Christ. We commend the young people who led this meeting to all our churches. They are Joe Skinner, a splendid young preacher with marked intelligence and power; Joe Allman, an efficient song leader, a good soloist with a soul message, David Byrd was conference youth leader. He has a soul on fire and great tact. These are all efficient workers with a large vision and passion for the lost. The D. V. B. S. has an average attendance of 216. Miss Margaret Hill of Blue Mountain College, a package of devoted efficiency, directed the work. She was assisted by a consecrated local faculty. Juniors and Intermediates are finding Christ in their first experience of grace.—Church Reporter.

### Baptist Hospital Instructress Does Graduate Work

Miss Evelyn Belknap, instructress at the Baptist Hospital Training School, is doing graduate work during the summer at the University of Virginia.

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### Baptist Hospital Nurse Gains High Honor

Miss Heloys Crick, recent graduate of the Baptist Hospital Nurses Training School, has been chosen as permanent nurse at Mississippi State College for Women.

Miss Crick did private nursing in the M. S. C. W. Infirmary during the recent flu epidemic and her work was so well liked that she was offered a place as permanent nurse in the College Infirmary.

Miss Crick is spending the summer at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore taking graduate study in preparation for her work at M. S. C. W.

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MRS. FRANCES LIPSEY STEELE

(Address all communications to Mrs. Frances Steele, Magee, Miss.)

My Dear Children:

Here is a question that I want to ask you, a question that each of us might ask ourselves. Who sets our standards? Do we accept the standards of the crowd that we are with and just drift along the easiest way; do we do a thing because it is the popular thing to do? Do we ever justify some doubtful conduct by saying "Everybody else does it"; or do we dare to be different from "everybody else" and set our own standards and do what is right because we know it is right? Bobby Jones, the former British, American golf champion, when asked for an explanation of his success in golf tournaments, accounted for it by saying that he kept his goal in mind, regardless of how well or how poorly the other fellow did. Mr. Jones concentrated on doing his own best. After he learned whose record to watch, the victories seemed to take care of themselves. If that rule works in a game, I believe it would work in the "game of life" as well. If we would set our own standard or goal in life, and work toward that goal with the concentration and determination that distinguishes the champions in sports, we would all be champions, not champions in a mere game but champions in life itself. Let us set our own pace, a worthy one, and stick to it.

By the way, I am still hoping to receive some reports from the members of the Daily Bible Reader's League on their progress. Especially would I like to hear from those to whom I sent the Bible reading outline. Are you using these outlines? Do you find them helpful? I would like to know if it is worthwhile to continue to distribute these. I will need to order a new supply, but before I do so, I should like to know if those already sent out are being used to good advantage. Won't you let me hear?

With love,

Mrs. Frances Steele.

## BIBLE STUDY

### Stories From The Lives of Bible Heroes

#### Elijah Sends Out A Challenge

In the third year of the drought and famine in the land of Israel, the Lord spoke to Elijah saying "Go show yourself to Ahab. I will send rain upon the earth." Now, all the grass and foodstuff for the stock was dead, because the country had been so long without rain, and Ahab and Obadiah, the chief man of his household, had gone out in search of grass to feed the horses and mules—that some of them might be saved alive. Ahab went in one direction and Obadiah in the other. As Obadiah went, he met Elijah. Now Obadiah was a good man, and when he recognized Elijah, he fell on his face before him. Elijah said "Go tell your master that Elijah is here." But Obadiah feared that while he took that message to Ahab that Elijah would disappear, but Elijah promised Obadiah that he would show himself to Ahab that day. Then Obadiah went and took the message to Ahab and Ahab came to meet Elijah. As soon as he saw him Ahab said "Are you he that troubles Is-

rael?" But the fearless Elijah answered, "It is not I who troubles Israel, but you and your people who have forsaken the worship of the Lord, and have followed the worship of Baal. Then Elijah made known his purpose in appearing before Ahab. He said, "Summon all Israel together upon Mt. Carmel, and also call the eight hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and Asherah to come," for Elijah intended to prove to everybody who was the one true God.

Since we have recently observed Mother's Day and Father's Day, it might be interesting to answer this quiz on Bible families.

1. Who were the father, mother, and children of the first family in the world?
2. Whose family was saved from the great flood in an ark?
3. Who obeyed God even when asked to sacrifice his son?
4. Who lied to his father to get a blessing?
5. Who forgave the brothers who had sold him to be a slave?
6. What baby's life was saved because his mother put him into a basket on the water of a river?
7. What people were punished by every family losing its oldest son?
8. Who sacrificed his only daughter to keep a promise to God?
9. Who refused to leave her mother-in-law?
10. Who asked God for a baby boy and when he was old enough took him to serve in the house of the Lord?
11. What father was punished because he did not make his sons behave?
12. What father and son were famous kings, one a shepherd boy who became a warrior, the other a wise and rich man?
13. Whose mother warned her royal son not to drink alcoholic liquors?
14. What father lost ten sons and daughters, his property, and his health?
15. What family obeyed their ancestor's commands about drinking?
16. The births of what three babies were announced to their parents by angels?
17. What beloved helper of Paul had a godly mother and grandmother?
18. Who gave his Son that "whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life"?

Mantee, Mississippi,  
June 12, 1941.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is the second time for me to write to the C. C. My letter found the waste basket before though. We live about a half mile from our church. The name of our church is Cross Roads. I go to Sunday School almost every Sunday. I am a member of the Cross Roads Church, my teacher was Mr. Stuart. My Sunday School teacher's name is Mrs. Nita Henley. I will be in the eighth grade next year. I am five feet six and a half inches tall, weigh one hundred pounds and have brown hair and green eyes. My birthday is March

twenty-second. Have I a twin? Please send me a pamphlet.

Your friend,

Inez Pennington.

Inez, I don't know what happened to your other note. I'm glad you tried again. I'm sorry I don't have any more of the pamphlets, but if I get some more I'll send you one. In the meanwhile, I'd suggest that you read a chapter a day beginning with Matthew.—F. L. S.

Terry, Mississippi,  
June 14, 1941.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

It has been a long time since I have written to you. But I hope you haven't forgotten me. I'll be in the eighth grade next year. I want to join the D. B. R. L. Please send me one of your pamphlets. I have been reading the Bible each day for a long time.

With love,

Mary Sue Tucker.

Mary Sue, we're so glad to enroll you in our D. B. R. L. I'm out of the pamphlets now, but if I get some more, I'll gladly send you one. We hope that you'll write again.—F. L. S.

Belzoni, Mississippi,  
June 12, 1941.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am writing for the first time. I enjoy reading the circle very much. I want to join the children's circle. I go to Sunday School every Sunday. My teacher is Mrs. Townsend. We surely do like her. I am eight years old. I am sending ten cents to be used where most needed.

With love,

T. E. Mortimer.

T. E., I hope that Sunday School habit will stay with you all your life. I believe that your offering is most needed right now on our B. B. I. scholarship fund. We surely thank you.—F. L. S.

Smithdale, Mississippi,  
June 16, 1941.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Here I come again! Isn't this a beautiful day. The flowers are so pretty. I know we were all glad to get the rain that we've had.

My little sister that is six months and a half old has been sick for a day or two, but she is nearly all right now. She is as jolly as any baby I've ever seen. Every time anybody says a word to her she will laugh at them. She can crawl and climb up now. I have two questions I'd like to ask: 1. What book in the Bible doesn't mention God's name? 2. In what chapter in the Bible does every verse tell about the coming of Jesus?

A little friend,

Mary Helton Wilson.

Mary Helton, I know everyone is happy at home when the baby begins to get well, because somehow the baby is the center of everything. We're glad to have this interesting letter from you.—F. L. S.

Star, Mississippi,  
June 16, 1941.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

We are sending two dollars for the B. B. I. girl, it's part of our tithe. We enjoy reading your talks so much. Just Two Friends.

What a good feeling it gives one to have the backing of two friends as helpful as you! Thanks to you, Friends.—F. L. S.

## LUMBERTON

We closed last night the first Stewardship Revival in the history of the church, first for the pastor, and first for the preacher, Dr. L. E. Green, of Poplarville. Such blessing has come to us that we are all agreed we must try again. Dr. Green brought the true gospel from God's Word each morning and evening. If any church needs a meeting and wants a preacher who will preach with no fear of man but an abiding fear of God, Brother Green is one preacher that does it. Our people were challenged to give of time, talents, life, and material substance. On Thursday night 40 agreed to bring the tithe to God's house each Lord's Day. We are enjoying our work here more and more as the days go by. Too, God is showing us more and more to challenge our best.

Go tomorrow to begin a meeting at Crane's Creek Church in Pearl River Association. Request prayers of the brethren.

Our 99 copies of the Record are a blessing to our people. They are reading them, and an informed Baptist is one who will go farther in feeling a sense that he is a steward of the manifold grace of God. Thanking you for your kindness to us at all time.—J. F. Brantley, Pastor.

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## The Strothers Give An Account Of Their Stewardship

Eight years ago when the Strothers were home for their first furlough the Foreign Mission Board found it impossible to return any missionaries to their field or to send out any new missionaries because of lack of funds. This became known to our Mississippi Baptist young people and one of our pastors took up the matter in his association, and enlisted the interest and cooperation of a pastor in an adjoining association and as a result nearly enough money was contributed to return Brother and Mrs. Strother with their children to their field in China. It is but fair here to say that Brother C. J. Olander, then pastor at Brandon, and Brother L. W. Ferrell, then pastor at Magee, were the two pastors taking the lead in this fine movement. We have been repaid for this in having these fine missionaries with us in these fifteen District Conventions and they have given a good report of their stewardship. The Lord has richly blessed their work in interior China. Many of us, between three and four thousand, have been blessed by their messages as we sat under the spell of their influential and helpful talks; We but wish it might have been the privilege of every Baptist in Mississippi to attend one of these conventions.

## Russell Takes Off Honors in Associational Elimination Contest

Congratulations to Russell. In the elimination contests for Lauderdale County the first place winner in the Story Hour, Junior, and Young People's contests were won by Russell. This does not mean that all others were not par excellent, but these Russell young people were par excellent plus.

What better training could a leader do than to train her members in the matters that are considered at these District Conventions? Story Hour Leaders, teach your boys and girls the stories of the Bible and teach them to tell them! Junior Leaders, drill your boys and girls every Sunday on the Memory Work! Intermediate Leaders, make much of the Sword Drill as suggested in the Quarterlies from week to week! Young People's Counselors, develop all of your members in the art of public speaking! Thus each of you will be doing a better job of training in church membership.

## Olive Branch

We are happy to announce through the leadership of our pastor, Rev. Chas. Millican, we have just closed a most successful Baptist Training Union Study Course, June second through the sixth. We were very fortunate in having as our leaders three outstanding young people from Memphis. Jimmie Stokes led the Adults in OUR DOCTRINES, Miss Janey Bilderback taught the Intermediate Manual, and Trail Makers in Other Lands was taught by Louise Raines to the Juniors. Forty-five

were enrolled and forty-four received awards for completing the work. Friday night after refreshments were served a very happy social hour was very much enjoyed. Several of our Intermediates have made reservation to attend the Ridgecrest assembly in July. Pray that they may be inspired and led of the Holy Spirit to better service in the Master's Kingdom work, coming back to their own Training Union filled with knowledge and willingness to lead others on to higher ground.—Reporter.

## Walnut Elects Mrs. A. B. Hill As Director

Walnut lost its efficient director, Mrs. Ruth Hobson, in their moving to Memphis, and as her successor Mrs. A. B. Hill, wife of the pastor, has been selected. Mrs. Hill will be able to carry on the work in a fine way, and continue to build on the good foundation that has been laid.

## Clay County Has Enlargement Campaign

Last week we had a report from one of the churches in Clay County that cooperated in the simultaneous enlargement campaign that was recently held in Clay County, and now we are happy to give a more detailed report of the work as a whole. Miss Frances Lippincott, Educational Director of the West Point First Church, is also Associational Director. Last December when the associations were having their rallies, starting off the Four Year Program, Clay set as one of their goals an enlargement campaign in each of the churches in the association. They set the first week in June as the time, and spent many hours during these months intervening in preparation. The results were beyond their expectation. The churches cooperated in a fine way, and much good that cannot be recorded was accomplished. Visible results show seven of the ten churches cooperating, and a total of 21 new unions organized. These new unions were distributed as follows: Montpelier 2; Enon, 2; Pheba, 5; Siloam, 2; West End, 3; West Point, 7. An enrollment of 388 in the class work, with an enrollment of 175. Miss Lippincott declares it was a good week, cost less than they had anticipated, and as a result the association almost reached its goals in new unions and study course awards for the entire year. West Point set a goal of 201 in Training Union for Sunday, June 8th, and had 202 in attendance.

One interesting feature of the District Convention for District Seven was that four associations each had a representative for each of the four departments in the contests.

Places for the District Conventions will be announced within a week or two. Watch this space for the announcements.

Leaders will begin now to train their members—ALL OF THEM—in the various phases of work on which

we will compete at the 1942 District Conventions.

All first place Story Hour members, Intermediates and Young People with all Juniors who were PERFECT in the District Conventions may have part in the State Training Union Convention meeting with Calvary Church, Tupelo, November 19-20-21, 1941.

We are glad to add Mrs. L. A. Sasebee of Swan Lake, Miss., to our Training Union Director's list. Mrs. Sasebee is director of the Tippecanoe Union, and has plans for a good union, ever keeping its true purpose—Training in Church Membership—in mind.

## Baptist Assembly at Percy Quin Park

The pastors and churches in southwest Mississippi organized an assembly last year and held the sessions at Percy Quin Park, a beautiful spot a short way from McComb. The interest was such that the venture is continued this year and on July 6-11 the second meeting will be held. Rev. C. Z. Holland will be the inspirational speaker. Rev. H. E. Nelson, Jr., will be the feature speaker, Rev. A. E. Pardue will be music director, and a whole host of others will serve as teachers and conference leaders. Cost per individual will be \$5.00 for the full time for adults and \$2.50 for children twelve and under. A 50c registration fee will be asked. You are invited to join in this week of good things. Bring your bed linens, toilet articles, and bathing suit. The camp equipment consists of 32 cabins, 4 bath houses—hot and cold water—4 recreational halls, 60 boats, 1 dining room and auditorium combined. Separate hours for swimming will be arranged for boys and girls.

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Following three months service, February to May, as pulpit supply for some of the leading churches of Texas, Dr. Arch C. Cree accepted an invitation to supply the pulpit of the Rivermont Baptist Church of Lynchburg, Va., through June. The new pastor, Dr. Josef Nordenhaug of Vinton, Va., begins his ministry there on July the first. During July and August Dr. Cree will be engaged in New York and Canada. Returning south in September he will be available as an ad interim supply for pastorless churches in this section.

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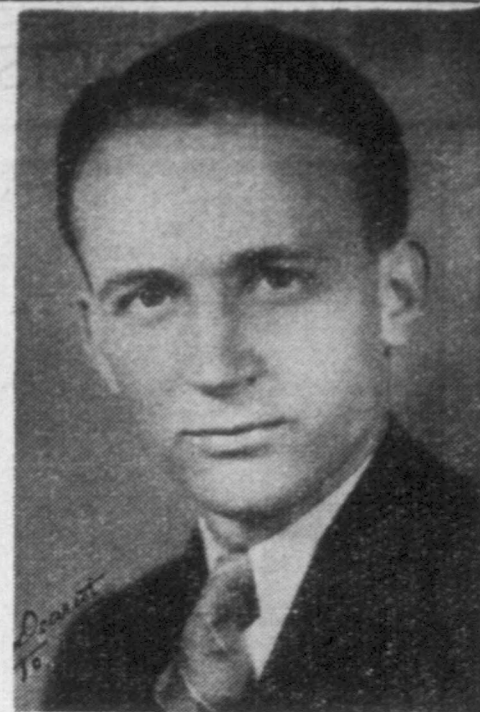
## MRS. H. P. SMITH

The 23d of May, 1941, God in His infinite wisdom called the gentle spirit of our dear Grandma Nancy from the earthly life to come and receive her eternal reward. After 82 years of fine life, she was faithful to the church, loyal to the Lord she loved, and served for 68 years. We have lost a true and faithful friend and worker from our W. M. S. at Juniper Grove Church.

W. M. S. Secretary.

—BR—

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Rev. D. T. Cranford, who began his pastorate at Charleston on June first. He is a recent graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary with the degree of Master of Theology.

## CHARLESTON

My wife and I arrived here Thursday a. m. May 29th to begin our work. We found the pastorium repapered from one end to the other. The floors and wood-work were beautifully refinished. We found new light fixtures throughout, modern in every detail. The pantry was full of good things to eat. The furniture which we sent down from Louisville was set up and carefully arranged. We had dinner on Thursday with Bro. J. R. G. Hewlett, and on Friday with Mrs. Ned Rice, who also had as her guests that day several of our W. M. U. State workers. In short, we have received a most cordial welcome, and things got off to a good start Sunday, June 1st.

We had four additions on our first Sunday here.

—BR—

## S. S. AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

Jackson First	916	208
Jackson, Calvary	889	173
Cross Roads-Webster	68	
Crystal Springs	279	114
Liberty Hill-Panola	138	76
Bethlehem-Jones	88	65
West Point	302	
West Laurel	504	180

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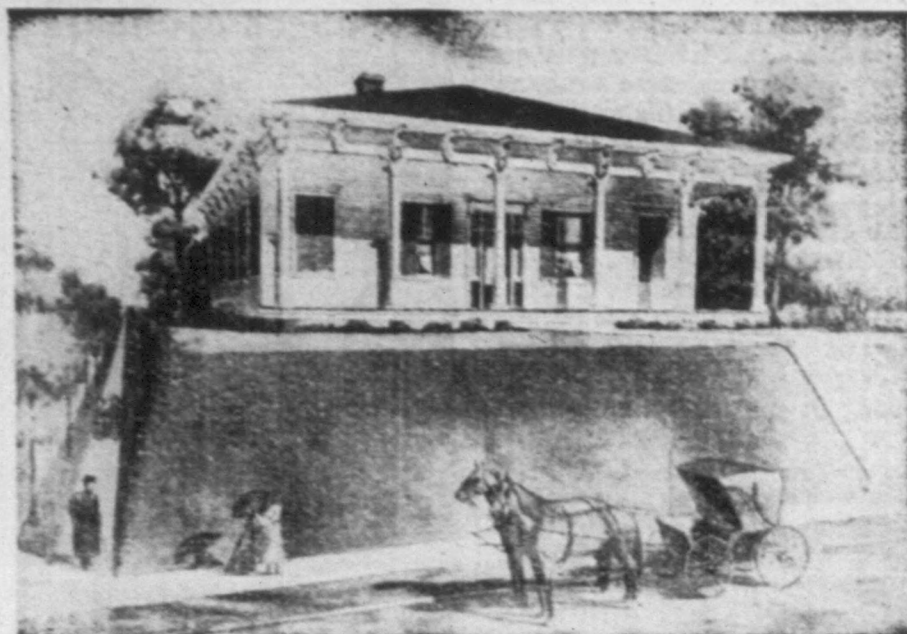
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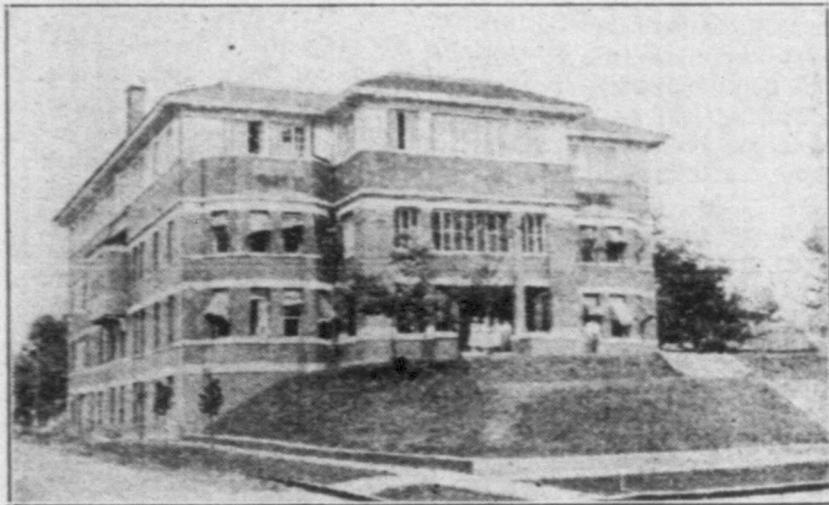
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## SOME FACTS ABOUT THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST HOSPITAL



The Mississippi Baptist Hospital in 1910. "Large oaks from little acorns grow." Mrs. Karenza Gilfoy is new superintendent.



MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST HOSPITAL, 1920

#### HOW THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST HOSPITAL STARTED

We are glad to give space this week to the Hospital in Jackson which is doing such a fine ministry. It is a joy to note its growth and to see the favor of God upon it. None can appreciate this so much, perhaps, as those who knew its beginnings and have watched its history.

Rev. N. W. Bacon made the motion at the Convention in Greenwood that a committee be appointed to see if the hospital could be secured and authorized the committee to secure the property and take over the operation of the institution. By the motion the present editor of The Record, then pastor of the church at Clinton was made chairman of the committee and later president of the Board of Trustees. He remained president for many years.

The property was the gift of Drs. Hunter and Shands. A picture of it appears elsewhere. The committee paid only \$2,000 for some equipment which had been installed, and pledged the denomination to build an adequate house. To do this a financial agent was employed to raise the money, and the trustees made and personally endorsed notes to secure the money from the bank.

Rev. J. C. Parker was the first field man, then Rev. Bryan Simmons was the financial agent and superintendent. The first unit of the building cost about \$75,000. The first architect was the same as the man

who planned the first unit of the Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

But special mention must be made of Miss Sallie Stamps who was the first superintendent of nurses, and who had more responsibility than anybody else connected with the institution. She was a young woman of fine Christian character, excellent training and ability as a manager. She could write a worthy chapter in the history of its beginning. She served until the United States went to the World War. Then she resigned to serve the soldier boys and then went overseas. She contracted in the service tuberculosis of the spine and has been an invalid for many years. She is still living and recently made a visit to the hospital.

Others who have served as superintendents are Dr. R. S. Curry of Jackson, Rev. M. K. Thornton, deceased, Rev. Wayne Alliston, and the present excellent incumbent, Mrs. Karenza Kilfoy. We cannot name here all who have rendered excellent help. But it has been our purpose to present the record of some of the beginnings.

#### Missionary Speaks to Baptist Hospital Training School

Miss Minnie Landrum, native of Clinton, Mississippi, and missionary located in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, spoke last week to the student body of the Baptist Hospital Training School. In addition to bringing a stirring missionary address she showed many interesting souvenirs of that interesting country.

#### PROGRESS AT BOWMAR AVENUE

The Bowmar Avenue Baptist Church of Vicksburg, Miss., is rapidly reaching new heights under the leadership of the new pastor, Rev. Paul H. Cranford.

The Sunday school assembly room, which is also used for B. T. U. assembly, has been enlarged and repainted. Also the main auditorium has been done over in white. These improvements have added more light and beauty to the building.

The Sunday school and B. T. U. attendance have greatly increased and the Sunday worship hours bring almost capacity crowds. But the greatest blessing has come through the Wednesday evening prayer service. It steadily grew and on last Wednesday evening there were 103 present. Coupled with this fine attendance is an equally fine spirit of fellowship as Bowmar Avenue church gives thanks to the Lord for His never failing expressions of love.

C. L. Lentz,  
Church Reporter.

#### "NOT MY WILL BUT THINE BE DONE"

(In loving memory of my husband who passed away May 12, 1941)

'Twas so gently, 'twas so sweetly  
That my loved one passed to rest.  
Through the years he had so nobly  
In the ways of duty pressed.

He had lived a life of service;  
Full of sacrifice and love,  
And I know my Darling's resting  
In the "higher courts above."

I am lonely, oh, so lonely  
Since my loved one went away!  
But with faith I'll travel onward  
Toward that bright and perfect day.

A soft voice—it gently whispers:  
"Resignation" true and sweet  
When life's day so calmly closes  
My lost loved one I will meet.

In my broken heart is anguish,  
Anguish that no words can tell  
But my loved one he has wandered  
To a land of love to dwell.

'Tis a solace I have won  
'Neath my heavy weight of sorrow  
I must say with meek submission,  
"Not my will, but thine be done."

Ada Lightsey Douglas,  
June, 1941. Daleville, Miss.

#### At Ridgcrest

Miss Blondie Rowe, a senior nurse at the Baptist Hospital, and Miss Mary McClelland, a Junior Nurse, left last week for Ridgcrest to attend the Y. W. A. Assembly. Miss Rowe was reared at the Baptist Orphanage. Miss McClelland is a native of Heidelberg, Mississippi.

Wife: It's the furniture folk come for the piano, Henry.

Husband: But I gave you the money to pay the next installment.

Wife: Yes, I know, dear; but don't say anything. I'm going to pay them as soon as they get it downstairs. I've decided to have it in the sitting room.

#### "THE KIND OF PASTOR I WANT MY PASTOR TO BE"

By Mrs. John Withers, Past President Woman's Missionary Union, First Church, Columbia, S. C.  
(Spoken at a welcoming service for the new pastor, Dr. Campbell)

(1) I want my Pastor to be so filled with the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ that his life among us will be a benediction in itself; that we may be inspired to live in closer fellowship with our Lord and thus truly live our religion.

(2) I want my Pastor to have a consuming passion for saving the lost; not just getting numbers into the church, but the real salvation of souls through the blood of Jesus Christ; that we may be ever mindful of the fact that this is the primary purpose of the church.

(3) I want my Pastor to be deeply interested in all the Kingdom work, not just our local church, but in State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and to lead us into a great missionary program that we may be, indeed, a Missionary Church.

(4) I want my Pastor to be vitally interested in the women's work of my church, that by his wise counsel, encouragement and prayers, we may go forward and attempt still greater things for our Lord.

(5) I want my Pastor to be dignified and reverent in the House of God, that following his example, we may be so and feel the presence of the Lord God in His holy temple and may heed His command to us, "Be still and know that I am God."

(6) I want my Pastor to be an outstanding leader in my community because I have always felt that Christian citizens have greater obligations to their community than non-Christians and I want my Pastor to lead me into assuming these responsibilities that I may better serve my time and generation.

(7) I want my Pastor to be a strong man, with a great faith and courage that my own faith may be renewed. I want him to have a warm humanity, a sympathetic understanding in helping us overcome our many faults, and a tender sympathy for us in our sorrows. Yet I want him to ever challenge me to develop to the very highest whatever talents God has given me that I may render to my church and to my Lord the utmost service that is in me.

And the prayer of my heart tonight is that you and I may be the kind of members that will help our Pastor to be the kind of Pastor that our Lord would have him be.

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Forty-first Avenue  
Baptist Church, Meridian, Miss.

The Forty-First Avenue Baptist Church of Meridian has just passed their 60th mile-post, observing the occasion with appropriate services from May 28th to June 2. May 28th 7:30 p. m., was **Sunday School Night**, when the superintendent, Geo. M. Ethridge, Jr., read a history of the Sunday School work in the church, followed by an address by Rev. W. B. Abel, pastor of Poplar Springs Baptist church, subject, "Teaching Them to Observe All Things." May 29th, was **Woman's Missionary Union Night**, when Mrs. L. A. Bouligny read a history of the woman's work in the church, followed by an address by Mrs. C. W. Sumrall, subject, "The W. M. U. Watchword"; Mrs. G. M. Ethridge, Sr., president, presiding. May 30th was **Baptist Training Union Night**, when the director, O. L. Davis, read a history of young people training work in the church, followed by an address by Rev. O. S. Sims, pastor of Oak Grove Baptist church, subject, "Study to Show Thyself Approved."

Sunday, June 1st, was the big day, when the pastor read a history of the church from its beginning as Calvary Baptist church in 1881, its change to Forty-First Avenue church in 1891, and the onward march to the present. The church is worshipping in its third house of worship, which was built in 1923-24 during the pastorate of Rev. H. H. Honeycutt. It cost \$35,000.00. It has been served by twenty-eight pastors, as follows: A. Gressett, J. C. Foster, W. R. Butler, J. C. Foster, W. W. Crawford, Jean Vane, W. S. Culpepper, A. Gressett, C. G. Elliott (Supply), J. W. Lee, C. G. Elliott, R. M. Guy, R. S. Gavin, A. G. Lowrey, W. A. McCain, W. D. Bosdeil, W. S. Culpepper, W. N. Swain, W. E. Fendley, R. H. Webb, J. L. Low, E. S. P'Pool (Supply), C. E. Dearman, H. H. Honeycutt, J. C. Richardson, Gordon Ezell, N. R. Stone and J. L. Boyd.

Monday, June 2, was preachers' day, when the young men who have been licensed or ordained by the church were the honored guests. Each was asked to give an account of himself—whom he had married, how many children, and what church or churches now serving, or what other work—after which Dr. T. M. Fleming, pastor of Fifteenth Avenue Baptist church, preached to the preachers and others present on "How Beautiful are the Feet of Them Who Bring Glad Tidings." This was followed by a luncheon to all preachers and their families and friends served by the ladies of the church.

The present house of worship is modern in every respect with ample equipment. But it is encumbered with a burdensome debt. The church, however, has recently set its goal



Dr. J. L. Boyd, Pastor, Forty-first Avenue Baptist Church, Meridian, Miss. They recently celebrated their 60th birthday (the church, not the pastor).

and adopted the slogan, "A Debtless Church by Christmas 1945." To do this \$815.00 must be paid on the principal every six months, besides the interest. At the close of the last six month-period, June 1st, \$1000.00 was in hand to apply on the debt. The effort is being put forth through the Sunday school, and in this recent period every class and department exceeded their goals. Every one is enthusiastic, and looking forward to ridding themselves of this debt before 1945.

The most encouraging things, aside from this signal success, is that the regular gifts and all other specials during this period have passed their regular levels, reaching from one-third to one-half higher on the average.

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THE VICTORY CLASS OF FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD GIRLS, OF THE INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, WATER VALLEY, MISS.

Reading from left to right: Mrs. Rhoma Thweatt, teacher; Carolyn Bateman, Margie Bumgardner, Gladys Carr, Louise Gibson, Jimmie Catherine Wood, Helen Myers, Alice White, Bettie Joe Ross.

This class met the standard for the second quarter, and was one hundred percent for the third Sunday in March.



INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, WATER VALLEY, MISSISSIPPI.

Reading from left to right: Front row, Mrs. W. B. Hunter, chorister, Mrs. K. R. Cofer, teacher, Margie Baggett, Loraine Gibson, Mr. Billy Baddley, superintendent of the department; Carlotta Knight, W. C. Howard, pastor; Mr. W. B. Hunter, general superintendent of Sunday School; Mr. A. A. Walker, pianist.

Second row: Mrs. Taylor Howard, teacher; Buddy Dehl, Richard Baird, Billy Howard, Curtis Stacy, Jimmy Lipscomb, Harry Ross, Harry Fair.

Third row: Mr. L. H. Baggett, teacher, absent, Charlie Baird, Lawrence Hale, Aubrey Milstead.

Fourth row: Mrs. Rhoma Thweatt, teacher; Gladys Carr, Jimmie Katherine Wood, Alice White, Helen Myers, Bettie Joe Ross, Louise Gibson, Margie Bumgardner, Carolyn Bateman.

Fifth row: Mrs. R. E. Gibson, secretary; Mrs. C. H. Wood, teacher; Ray Howard, Rayford Edgar, Clyde Howard, Jr., Hubert Baggett, Jr., Clifford Lipscomb.

Sixth row: Mrs. Glenn Baird, teacher; Barbara Fly, Mary Arnold.

Seventh row: John Lewis Mathis and Jack Thompson; Mrs. W. B. Hunter on first row, teacher and chorister.

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## GOOD NEWS AROUND THE WORLD

### THE SPIRIT OF COURAGE IN CHINA

(Foreign Mission Board)—When his lovely wife and their two children left China to seek a place of safety for the children, Dr. Baker Cauthen, abounding in that "stuff of which heroes are made," remained alone at his post of duty in Kweilin, China. After conducting a series of evangelistic meetings in Shanghai, Dr. Cauthen writes:

"It has been my happy privilege to conduct meetings in seven Baptist schools and two Baptist churches in this great city. I have preached in Chinese, through interpreters and at the University of Shanghai in English, without an interpreter. The Lord wonderfully blessed these meetings. In every school we have witnessed a turning toward the Lord. Altogether there have been about seven hundred people make public profession of faith in Christ as their Saviour. We thanked God for His blessing in the University of Shanghai as those students courageously stepped forward to declare their faith in Jesus. It is not easy for these students to become Christians. They must do so in the face of unbelieving friends who will taunt them and relatives who may persecute them. It is a great privilege in these days of trouble to preach a message of salvation by grace."

Thus the courage of a consecrated missionary and the courage of sincere converts unite to bring about that day when Christ's kingdom shall come in China.

—BR—

### THE COURAGE OF A MEDICAL MISSIONARY

(Foreign Mission Board)—Dr. Charles E. Maddy recently received from Dr. Robert E. Beddoe of Wuchow, China, a letter dated "May 2, 1941." In his message that noble medical missionary says in part:

"We have received only airmail since February but some way a copy of The Commission came through. Both you and Wallace look good in the picture. I am beginning to get exercised over the possibility that Wallace may not get back here. I figure I am good for about twelve months more (at the outside) at the pace I am forced to go now. My English-speaking bookkeeper and secretary, my right-hand man, has tuberculosis and must quit his job at once. I am giving him six months on full pay as an in-patient. So far, I have been unable to find anyone who can even begin to fill his place. This will mean many night hours of work over the books for me.

"What matters is the work. What happens to me is unimportant. I believe that in some way God will keep this institution going."

—BR—

### THE COURAGE OF A SCHOOL MASTER

(Foreign Mission Board)—Leading an energetic army of 1,200 boys and girls of high school age—young people eager for an education and a chance in life—our dauntless Missionary Rex Ray in the oft-bombed city of Wuchow, South China, is bearing aloft the banner of Christian education. With no other missionary to relieve him, he deserves the best in equipment and he needs—desperately needs—co-laborers. Instead of adequate space and well equipped class rooms and dormitories, he is magnificently carrying on his work in crude and crowded mat sheds. Here is his own description of the situation:

"We drive four sticks into the ground, fasten a board on the top, and call it a seat, while four longer sticks of bamboo and another thin board make a desk. . . . Our furniture is so scarce that in the mat sheds where we feed five hundred at a meal, we have no benches. . . . All stand while they eat. . . . The mat sheds which we call dormitories are filled with bunks above and below each other. . . . We haven't the cash even to put up more mat sheds."

In another part of his letter Missionary Ray says, "I do not have even ONE missionary to help me in this great school. . . . Anyone who really wants a glorious chance to give to high school

boys and girls the Gospel of Jesus Christ, will find the opportunity right here."

Thus do 1,200 school youths push open to Southern Baptists a door of magnificent opportunity.

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### THE SPIRIT OF STEADFASTNESS

(Foreign Mission Board)—Down below the equator Southern Baptists' representatives are proving themselves steadfast and "abounding in the work of the Lord." Rev. S. L. Goldfinch of Montevideo, Uruguay, writes hopefully of the work at the Baptist Bible Institute (Instituto Biblico Bautista de Montevideo). About thirty-five students, already members of the local churches, are deeply interested in equipping themselves for larger and fuller service as Christian leaders. Courses in Bible, in Methods, in English, and in Music are giving these Christian young people an excellent foundation on which to build lives of increasing usefulness to Christ.

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### MATCH THEIR SPIRIT, SOUTHERN BAPTISTS!

George W. Sadler, Secretary  
for Africa, Europe and the Near East,  
Foreign Mission Board

Those of us whose privilege it is to know intimately modern missionaries have been greatly moved recently. Their superb spirit during these dreadful days both humbles and inspires us. There is space for only a few examples.

The sinking of the Zamzam is a happening about which all the world knows. Most Southern Baptists also know that on that ill-fated craft there were five representatives of our Board and a three-year-old child of one of our couples. Some of the intimates of these unfortunate friends have tried to enter into their experiences: the sinking of their ship, the loss of their property, the zigzag voyage through mined and submarined waters from the South Atlantic to Southern France, life on short rations in improvised quarters in a country in which people are on the verge of starvation, the disappointment of being diverted from the land of their hearts' desires. As we have contemplated these conditions, we have wondered how we would have behaved in similar circumstances. And, now, to cap the climax, there comes a request from Lisbon that they be allowed to proceed from there to Nigeria. And how? By means of a small Portuguese freighter! So moved were we that we brought all possible pressure to bear upon the State Department. After viewing the matter from all angles, such passage by such means at such a time was declared by the passport division unsafe and unwise. So our Zamzam friends must come home and we must try to find other means of getting them to Africa.

#### Perils of the Sea

On May 14 another party of nine missionaries and three children sailed on the El Nil, a sister ship of the Zamzam. It was understood that they would go from New York directly to Lagos. It is supposed that after the news of the sinking of the Zamzam reached the captain, he sought safety in the Port of Spain, Trinidad. At any rate, Mr. I. N. Patterson, representing our group, cabled from the port to the south of us to say that the company under whose auspices the ship had sailed advised them to disembark. Naturally, we concurred. Two days later another message came in which Mr. Patterson said that, after a reconsideration of the matter, he and other members of the party had decided to proceed.

#### God Will Take Care

One other illustration of the spirit about which we are thinking: about two weeks ago a group of missionary candidates was brought before the appointment committee of the Board. Among the number were a man and his wife. They were eager to go as messengers of light to the "dark continent." They had heard about the sinking of the Zamzam and they were reminded that they were asking to be sent to a land in which they would have to endure the worst climatic conditions in the world. Their only reply was that Africa needed them, that God had called them and that they wanted to go now. When told that on account of the unhappy climate and the lack

of educational advantages, they would have to be separated from their son during his tender years, the lovely mother simply said: "God gave him to us and God will take care of him and us." Rarely, if ever, have the members and officials of the Board been more mightily moved. A member of long standing said he had never felt smaller and more unworthy.

The question we are raising is: Will Southern Baptists match this spirit? Surely we know by now that not only of such is the Kingdom of God but also of such is a sane, tolerable world. Surely we have been reassured that it is not by might nor by power but by the spirit of God that the world is to be rebuilt and maintained. As we face our broken, bleeding world, let us capture and lay hold on the spirit that will lift us out of ourselves and send us forth to feed the hungry, bind up the bleeding and preach the Gospel to them that are bound.

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### THE HEROISM OF A WAR REFUGEE

(Foreign Mission Board)—The acts of the apostles of modern times bear a striking resemblance to those in the days of which Paul wrote: In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers . . . in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea.

From Portugal, Miss Isabella Moore, one of the survivors of the S. S. Zamzam, wrote to Dr. Charles E. Maddy:

"We arrived here two days ago and waited for some definite news before sending a cable. Up until yesterday we were sure that there would be some way of our getting on to our work, but now it seems that we have no choice in the matter for it has been taken out of our hands completely. There seems no other way but by America; but we do hope that books can be made for those of us who desire to get on to our work. I mention this because we have felt that perhaps you might be at work on our passage before we arrive there so as not to delay our sailing any longer than necessary. If possible at all, those of us who do not have children hope to be allowed to go on. We can scarcely believe that we are not going on from this place. We were told yesterday that it would be months before we could get from here to West Africa and by that time something terrible might happen.

"We are so grateful that God saved our lives. It was a most remarkable thing, for some of us barely escaped shells, and I am more assured of His place of service for my own life now than I have ever been. Things have happened during the past weeks that we can scarcely believe ourselves.

"We have such a long story to tell and we will give the details of the shelling, of our month on the German ship, of our two weeks in Biarritz, France, of our two days' trip to Portugal, and all that happens from now on. I am most grateful for all that has taken place. I have been able to tell the Germans about our Master, and who would not gladly suffer all that we have suffered to tell those who have never been told about Him who loves them so much. We have had some of those same experiences that Paul had and how grateful we are for all of them. We were even landed on an island—the German Raider! What a picture! One can never know what may come. Before I went to Africa I lived one day at a time. I went home on furlough believing that one hour at a time was better; but now it is moment by moment as I am kept by Him, and step by step as He leads."

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A third volume by the same publishers is a book of sermons by the late Dr. J. W. Phillips, long pastor in Mobile, but born in England. Dr. Phillips was popular and beloved by his church and a man of unusual mental acumen and virility. There are twelve sermons with subjects such as Jesus the Interpreter, Fellowship, The Best Robe, Christian Character, God and Sin, Salvation, Lost and Saved. Some will recall Dr. Phillips' sermon before the Southern Baptist Convention, which as usual in such cases, hardly came up to his best. This volume can also be had at the Baptist Book Store for \$1.00.